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**EARLY COAL PLANT RETIREMENTS TARGETED**

The powerful Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission can—and should—investigate early retirements of coal-burning power plants, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita wrote in a memorandum of legal guidance released Tuesday Oct. 8th. Rokita opined that the IURC is implicitly duty-bound to prevent such closures until a utility finds "dispatchable" replacement power. But the Statehouse, Rokita added, could add legal requirements. Sen. Chris Garten, a Republican from Charlestown, requested Rokita's help, and said lawmakers are considering changes. Click here to read the full article and discussion of the IURC, their authority and how legislators might intervene.

**IFPI CONVENES SUMMIT ON PROPERTY TAXES**

As Hoosier policy makers discuss the state of Indiana's property tax system and potential reform, the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute (IFPI) gathered experts for an event held Sept. 30, 2024, to discuss this critical policy issue. Community leaders, elected officials, academics, and other stakeholders gathered to learn how Indiana's tax policy compares to other states and how proposed property tax reform policies will impact Hoosier taxpayers and local government services in the future. Dr. Larry DeBoer, Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University released two reports completed on behalf of IFPI: "Fifty Years of Indiana Property Tax Policy" outlines tax policy innovation in Indiana over the years and "The COVID Pandemic and the Indiana Property Tax" summarizes how Indiana homeowners are still dealing with rising tax bills from increased property values that began in 2021 and 2022. Click here to access those reports.

**Mark Your Calendars! INCMA's 2025 Legislative Summit Feb. 19th**

**AFS KEATING AWARD**

AFS honored industry leaders last month at the Foundry Leadership Summit in Colorado Springs, CO. The Keating Award is given for significant contributions to the foundry industry and active participation in the fields of Government Affairs, Human Resource Management, Safety and Health, or Education. This year, the Keating Award was presented to JB Brown, BCI Solutions. Congratulations JB!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Please mark your calendars for INCMA's annual Legislative Conference to be held on Wednesday February 19, 2025 in Indianapolis. We are anticipating an excellent slate of speakers this year as well as our usual lunch with legislative leaders. More information will be available soon!

**TSCA PFAS REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED**

*TAFT Law Blog* - Manufacturers and importers of PFAS and PFAS-Containing Articles required to comply with certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements for PFAS under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) have been afforded an eight-month delay, shifting reporting to commence July 11, 2025, and be completed by Jan. 11, 2026. Reporting was supposed to commence Nov. 12, 2024, before this delay was announced by the EPA. The delay is driven by funding shortages leading to delays in the reporting software development. Read more here.

**INCMA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The INCMA Environmental Committee will be holding a quarterly meeting on Tuesday Oct. 15th via Zoom. Topics to be discussed include PFAS regulation, EPA's IRIS risk assessment, a review of AFS's recent EHS Conference and more! Please contact INCMA for more info or to participate.

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