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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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2018 MEMBER DINNER & GOLF OUTING SUCCESS

INCMA's 2018 Member Dinner and Golf Outing was held on August 27th and 28th in Marion, IN and was another great success. A reception and dinner with special guest Indiana Senate Candidate Mike Braun was held Monday evening where retiring Board members Jim Gartland and Mike Jones were also honored. Donations were made to the Foundry Education Foundation FEF in each of their names in appreciation for their many years of service to and support of INCMA.



The evening was followed by the annual golf outing the next day with 64 registered golfers. The winning team was represented by ASK Chemicals and Tim Street, Bahr Bros. Mfg.



[Click here for a complete summary of the winners, sponsors and more photos.](#) And one last thank you to our Gold sponsors which included:



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SILICA UPDATE

AFS continued to be in the process of finalizing a set of over 40 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which was developed with the help of the AFS Safety

& Health Committee and individual AFS members. Over the past several months, AFS has had ongoing discussions with OSHA's office of enforcement and the Department of Labor's Solicitor's office. They are awaiting the final sign-off by OSHA and anticipate release of the FAQs by the end of the month. In late August, OSHA completed and released a set of 53 FAQs to provide guidance for the construction sector regarding OSHA's respirable crystalline silica standard. In addition, AFS recently held a conference call with eight OSHA officials concerning the continued use of non-HEPA industrial sweepers in foundries. The silica rule bans sweeping and shoveling. AFS was successful in securing a provision in OSHA's interim enforcement guidance allowing the use of HEPA industrial sweepers.

BUY AMERICA RULE TO BE EXPANDED

The White House is preparing a new executive order expanding rules favoring American-made products in government

infrastructure projects. The order, which is near completion, would apply current "Buy America" provisions to programs where they do not currently exist. In particular, the new rules will apply to infrastructure projects such as roadways, pipelines and broadband. In recent months, several federal agencies have raised concerns about the cost and legality related to whether the executive branch alone could require vendors to source specific products. The "Buy America" rules, which took effect in 1983, pertain to state and local transportation projects often funded by the FTA and require 100 percent of the materials to come from the U.S. A [July 2017 executive order](#) commissioned a wholesale review of the manufacturing and supplier base for the Department of Defense. This report has been submitted to the White House.

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