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EPA GHG TAILORING RULE PROPOSED

EPA recently issued a draft air rule dealing with PSD applicability and "tailoring of Green House Gas regulations." The rule is intended to limit applicability of potential new GHG regulations that are anticipated as a result of the recent finding that GHG emissions endanger the public. Without the rule, EPA would likely be inundated with thousands of potential new permitted sources. INCMA will be submitting comments along with the AFS both expressing concern about the need for any regulations but acknowledging that if EPA does move forward, "tailoring" or limiting their applicability will be essential. Contact INCMA for a copy of the draft comments or more information on the proposed rule. Comments on INCMA's draft comments must be received by Friday.

A CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The 2010 INCMA Legislative Conference to be held on Wednesday January 27, 2010 has confirmed an excellent program of speakers this year including:

The Honorable Tony Bennett, State Superintendent of Education

Ron Christian, Exec. VP of Vectren Corp. to speak on Cap and Trade

Larry DeBoer, Purdue University to speak on his new property tax cap impacts study.



Pat Kiely IMA President

And a representative from Anthem to speak on the federal Health Care Reform effort.

This is the one formal event of the year where members are encouraged to take time from their schedule to come to Indianapolis to hear what's new and to sit down with their respective legislators to convey their concerns. Special thanks to our sponsors to date:
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS EARLY

While the next General Assembly would not normally convene to begin the 2010 Session until January 5, this year some matters were deemed so urgent that committees dealing with fiscal matters have held several hearings in December. The Senate Finance Committee has already passed a bill that would delay for one year the Unemployment Insurance tax increases passed last Session. INCMA supports this delay.

Both Chambers are also moving resolutions forward to put recently adopted property tax caps on a state wide ballot next November. The resolutions must be approved by the full legislature to qualify for the ballot. Differences related to this issue remain and will be on the table by January 5 when all members of the legislature reconvene.

CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

AFS continues to find an apparent willingness from most key players in Washington DC to at least add ferrous foundries to the proposed rebate provisions intended to limit the financial impacts associated with a cap and trade program on energy and trade intensive industrial sectors. INCMA opposes the bill but these rebates would be crucial if it passes.

Some federal groups are considering a legal challenge to EPA's authority to move forward with regulations in lieu of Congressional action. INCMA is meeting with the IMA and Governor's staff to discuss additional ways to work against cap and trade and additional EPA regulations.

Happy Holidays!

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