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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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UPDATE ON INCMA'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT TITLE V AIR PERMITTING AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As discussed in last month's newsletter, EPA published a final rule last July removing a company's use of an "emergency" as an affirmative defense against enforcement actions associated with Title V permits. EPA provided states with an interim period to align state permitting programs. INCMA reached out to the IMA and the Chamber and is leading a meeting with the IDEM leadership next week regarding permit holder's continued use of the affirmative defense during what could be a lengthy period of transition. Stay tuned!

FIGHTING EPA'S NEW PM 2.5 STANDARDS

Last month we updated members on the effort by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) to lobby for Congressional action to disapprove of the EPA's recently finalized PM2.5 standard. 50 organizations, including the AFS and INCMA, signed on to the letter which was sent to Congressional leaders last week. [Click here to view the letter.](#)

INCMA MEMBER DINNER & GOLF OUTING

Register now for INCMA's 2024 member dinner and golf outing to be held on Monday/Tuesday August 26/27th. The event will once again be held at the Pretty Lake Golf Club in Plymouth, IN. The member dinner will be held Monday evening featuring a guest



speaker TBA, followed by an excellent day of golf, networking and fellowship. [Click here to register and join in the fun!](#)

INCMA BOARD ACTIONS

The INCMA Board of Directors met in-person on May 14th for their second quarter meeting. Nick Heiny, MTI was re-elected as the President of INCMA. The board also approved Board members for new 3 year terms including: Dave Grimes, Gartland Foundry; Jack Hiler, Hiler Industries; Vicky Keramida, KERAMIDA, Inc.; Sam

Schlosser, Plymouth Foundry; and Bill Gartland, Atlas Foundry. Board members also renewed INCMA's relationship with Sally Rideout and Patrick Bennett, Rideout Public Affairs, as INCMA's Statehouse lobbyists for the coming year. Sally and Patrick will work closely with Blake Jeffery on all advocacy matters.

2024 AFS ADVOCACY SUMMIT - JUNE 11-12th

AFS will hold this year's Washington DC "fly-in" on Tues./Wed. June 11-12th. Day one features a briefing on key issues featuring leading experts, followed by a reception where AFS will present awards to lawmakers with a strong record of supporting metalcasters. Including Indiana Senator Mike Braun. Day two features high-impact meetings with your members of the House and Senate. Together, our advocacy efforts make a difference! [AFS members click here to register or for more information](#)

NEW OSHA WALKAROUND RULE WILL IMPACT ALL

From B&T Labor & Employment Blog: The

Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) final rule allowing virtually any third-party to be present during job-site inspections ("walkarounds") as the employee's authorized representative goes into effect on May 31. The final rule marks the culmination of a years-long process that will ultimately provide greater access to workplaces by unions. Under current federal regulations, only employees of the employer are permitted to accompany OSHA officials during a workplace inspection as the authorized agent. Under the new rule, even in a non-union setting where the union does not profess to represent a majority of the workforce, that is set to change. [Click here to read the complete article.](#)

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