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INCMA's Monthly Fax Newsletter

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INCMA BILL CONTINUES TO MOVE

INCMA's effort to encourage the use of state castings in public works projects continued to move earlier today when SB 96 authored by Sen. Bob Meeks (R-LaGrange) and House sponsor David Niezgodski (D-S. Bend) passed the House Commerce Committee 9-0. This was the second time the committee voted on the language passing the House version of the bill earlier in the Session. The bill is well on it's way to passage at this point although there are always surprises in the legislative process so stay tuned. Log onto www.INCMA.org to review the bills being tracked by INCMA this Session. Tracking lists are updated regularly.

07 LEGISLATIVE CONF. IS SUCCESS!

The 2007 INCMA Legislative Conference was held Tuesday March 6 with more than 40 attendees, many of whom were able to sit down with their legislators afterward to discuss foundry concerns. Several speakers including Senate President David Long were well received. Presentations by Tom

Easterly and Kevin Brinegar are available upon request.

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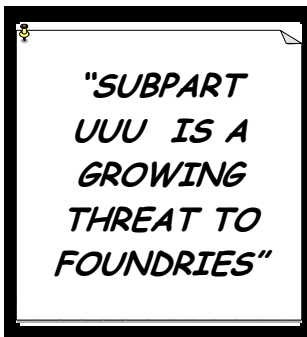
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SUBPART UUU MAY IMPACT YOU

While AFS has been working with EPA for some time, EPA continues to cling to an interpretation of a Federal Rule referred to as Subpart UUU which includes a broad definition of sand dryers. As such, EPA has made applicability determinations to say that Subpart UUU applies to evaporative sand coolers and other equipment in foundries. While arguments persist,

once the door is open, state regulators could include a variety of other foundry equipment as well which could result in past compliance liability going back to 1986. Michigan regulators agree with the interpretation while Indiana's do not. AFS is soliciting funds in order to bring a legal challenge. Watch for more information.

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY RATES SOAR

At the recent Legislative Conf., Jack Wickes, Director of INDIEC reviewed average industrial electricity rates from 2005 and 2006. Indiana dropped from 9th to 18th as our average rates rose from 4.44 to 4.99 cents per kilowatthour. INCMA has forwarded the information to the head of the Indiana Economic Development Corp. to express the foundry industrys concern about where economic development priorities should be focused.

INCMA JOINS INDIEC

The INCMA Board of Directors recently voted to rejoin the Indiana Industrial

Energy Consumers (INDIEC) association which focuses exclusively on state industrial energy issues and on challenging rate cases before the IURC. INCMA was active in the past but with energy issues rising again as key competitiveness issues, the Board felt it was important to realign with INDIEC. INCMA's membership will be sponsored in part by Metal Technologies Inc. Other member sponsors are welcome to assist in support of INCMA's energy efforts.

AFS FLY-IN TO TARGET KEY ISSUES

The annual AFS Fly-In to DC will be March 28-30 and focus on 4 vital issues including: Chinese Currency Manipulation; DOE R&D Funding; the Employee Free Choice Act; and Expansion of the FMLA. More info. is online at www.afsinc.org/calendar.htm

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