



**Legislative Committee Chair  
Report to the Board of Directors**

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**Indiana CGP:**

The fourth meeting of the IDEM Indiana Construction General Permit Advisory Group was held on October 6, 2017. There will not be another meeting of the Advisory Group until after IDEM completes a second draft of the CGP. Before completing the second draft, IDEM will have discussions with several subgroups to further flesh out concerns regarding post-construction stormwater quality, County Regulated Drain projects (County Surveyors) and home building-specific issues.

**Legislation:**

The second meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Environmental Affairs was held on October 25, 2017. The meeting dealt with potable water supply and the agencies involved in documenting the location and use of potable water and funding for small water systems. The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) is currently study water availability in southeastern Indiana (again). This was the final meeting of the Committee and no specific legislation will be recommended by the Committee for the upcoming legislative session. Funding issues may be dealt with in the next long session in 2019.

**WOTUS:**

As stated previously, the comment period for the proposed rule to rescind the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule and recodify pre-2015 language for WOTUS ended on September 27, 2017. USEPA is now holding outreach meeting with several small groups and these meeting are scheduled through November 21, 2017. USEPA is also accepting recommendations on the new rule through November 28, 2017. The new rule will follow the narrower Justice Scalia interpretation of "waters" as opposed to the broader, now-used, Justice Kennedy interpretation of "waters."