



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

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Indiana CGP:

The third meeting of the Advisory Group was held on September 15, 2017 and the fourth meeting of the Advisory Group will be held on October 6, 2017. The group is continuing to review the proposed CGP and the initial comments provided to IDEM. It is likely that one more meeting will be required to make it through all the comments on the first draft. At least two (2) subgroups will be formed to further flesh out concerns regarding post-construction stormwater quality and County Regulated Drain projects (County Surveyors). I have been asked to participate in the post-construction stormwater quality subgroup and I will also try to stay abreast of developments with the County Surveyor subgroup.

Legislation:

The first meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Environmental Affairs was held on September 26, 2017. The meeting included presentations by Citizens Energy on the Deep Rock Tunnel Project, a presentation by the Indiana Finance Authority on existing Lead/Drinking Water programs and a presentation by IDEM on existing above-ground storage tanks. No contemporary issues were brought forward by or to the Committee. The second and potentially last meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Environmental Affairs will be on October 25, 2017.

WOTUS:

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. Nearly 193,000 comments were submitted on the proposed rule (about 1 million comments were received on the 2015 rule). Interestingly, USEPA and the USACE provided a new economic analysis of the 2015 rule in July which contradicts the previous economic analysis of the 2015 rule. The new analysis concludes that the benefits of the 2015 rule do not outweigh the costs of the rule.