



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

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**Indiana CGP:**

IDEM has completed their subgroup discussions and the second draft of the CGP should be sent to Advisory Group members soon. However, no specific date has been set for issuance of the second draft.

**Legislation:**

The short session has begun and the cutoff date for introducing legislation is January 12, 2018. Bills of interest introduced so far include:

**Senate Bill 361** (Charbonneau) that would establish the Water Infrastructure Task Force. The Task Force would address wastewater and drinking water issues but not stormwater issues.

**Senate Bill 386** (Ruckelshaus) concerns financing of flood control improvements and appears to be directed at portions of Indianapolis currently left out of the Indy North Levee Project.

**Senate Bill 409** (Charbonneau) expands the reasons for a County Surveyor to maintain or reconstruct a regulated drain to include improved environmental conditions and flood control.

**House Bill 1089** (Ober and Zent) concerns the St. Joseph River Basin Commission and allows expansion of the Commission's functions and authority.

**House Bill 1096** (Culver) would prohibit MS4 Operators from establishing rules more restrictive than state erosion and sediment control rules.

This bill is scheduled for a hearing next Wednesday January 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in Statehouse Room 156-C. So far I have only heard and received *negative* comments concerning this legislation from INAFSM members.

**House Bill 1159** (Friend) seeks to revise the state dam regulations and significantly roll back dam owners responsibilities for state-required inspection and maintenance.

**House Bill 1267** (Soliday, Brown, Ober) is the House version of SB 361 but with a different, larger Water Infrastructure Task Force that would also address stormwater system issues.

I will be working with Matt Rummel next week to update the Legislation page of the INAFSM website so all members can keep informed on the progress of these bills.

**WOTUS:**

The comment periods for the codification of the rule prior to the adopted rule and the proposed rule to replace the adopted rule have closed.