



ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce is the state's leading advocate for Illinois' diverse business community. We have a unique ability to engage policymakers in both Springfield and Washington D.C. to shape the legal and regulatory environment that employers must navigate in Illinois.

The Chamber employs policy experts that cover every issue of importance to employers, from taxation to employment law to infrastructure and health care. Of all the issues facing employers, however, environmental regulation has been among the most dynamic and volatile, leaving employers of all sizes and types struggling to comply and predict what is coming next.

That is where the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Environmental Affairs Committee comes in. The Committee provides a one-stop shop for monitoring and impacting environmental issues.

The Committee not only helps its members stay on top of developments in environmental regulation, it shapes them before they go into effect.

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POLICY EXPERTISE

The Committee is a partnership of the Illinois Chamber and the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group (IERG), the Chamber’s environmental affiliate and the recognized leader in environmental advocacy on behalf of business. IERG is made up of more than 50 of the state’s largest and most sophisticated members of the regulated community. Its staff members are among the state’s leading experts in environmental law and policy. That joint expertise provides the basis for the programmatic work of the Chamber’s Environmental Affairs Committee.

EXTENSIVE NETWORK

Committee members will benefit from an extensive network of environmental policymakers and professionals. The Chamber and IERG have the relationships necessary to maximize this potential.

AVENUE FOR ENGAGEMENT

Committee members have the opportunity to help the Chamber identify issues for potential legislation and regulations that will impact their workplace or clients.

The value of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce lies in its ability to fight on your business’ behalf and work to make our state more business friendly. The Chamber has the sophistication to not only engage in the legislative process, but also the rulemaking process. At a time when environmental activists, organized labor, trial attorneys and others are dedicating seemingly endless resources toward laws and regulations, you need the Illinois Chamber’s Environmental Affairs Committee on your side.

MEANINGFUL BENEFITS

In addition to those listed above, Committee members receive the following benefits:

- Monthly newsletter detailing emerging issues and developments of note for current matters.
- Quarterly face to face meetings where regulations and legislation are reviewed, policy implications discussed and outside speakers shed light on key issues.
- Task forces set up to tackle particularly important topics.
- Access to IERG staff and their connections with regulators and legislators to help facilitate inquiries and compliance questions.



ALEC DAVIS

Alec is the Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group, having previously served as General Counsel from 2008 to 2014. He has been a consistent advocate on behalf of Illinois’ business community in support of economically reasonable environmental regulations with sound scientific and legal bases.



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