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**Initial Meeting of Convenience Store Working Group Announced**

(January 9, 2012) The initial meeting of the Convenience Store Working Group will occur on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 in Indiana Government Center South. This initial organizational and planning meeting will not be open to the public or media, although subsequent meetings may be open.

The purpose of this meeting is:

- to review the mission of the group as established by the Commissioner of Labor
- to develop specific objectives for the work of the group
- to develop mechanisms and a timeline for group work that will achieve that mission

The mission of the Convenience Store Working Group is to, “facilitate the adoption and use of industry best practices for promoting worker safety and work place violence prevention in 24 hour convenience stores.” Participating members of the Working Group are:

- Lori A. Torres, Commissioner of Labor
- Jeffry Carter, Deputy Commissioner of Labor for IOSHA
- Michelle Ellison, Director, INSafe
- Scott Imus, Executive Director, Indiana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
- Grant Monahan, President, The Indiana Retail Council
- Joe Lackey, President, Indiana Grocery & Convenience Store Association, Inc.
- Sergeant Rod Russell, Indiana State Police

Following this initial organizational meeting it is expected that the group will issue a summary report of the meeting on the afternoon of Jan. 11.

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