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Everyone,

I want to provide an update to the email I sent out to staff statewide Friday evening regarding our work with the Oregon Health Authority and Multnomah County Health to understand and communicate about potential health risks from cadmium and other metals near glass facilities in Portland, including what we will be doing in the short and long term, to address this important issue.

Today the Governor released responses to her request to DEQ and OHA for information and next steps related to the discovery of high cadmium and arsenic in air samples in SE and North Portland. Here is the link: http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=41b11f32beefba0380ee8ecb5&id=88f3f383e4 Included in the response from DEQ, is a timeline that details how we became aware of this situation and our response.

We are in the process of determining how we will secure both and short and long term resources for this effort. I sincerely appreciate all the work that is happening within the agency and with our public health partners. The nature of this work continues to evolve rapidly. I pledge to keep you all informed as developments occur.

Dick