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To All,
I am a glass artist located on the west coast. As such, I have been watching the drama unfolding in Portland with great interest. Of note is the apparent fact of how badly this incident has been handled from the very beginning, and how now the DEQ is ready to take any action to save face, whether based upon fact or fiction. DEQ's very own agenda for this meeting states: "Elevated and possibly unsafe levels of metals have been found in the air around two glass manufacturing facilities in Portland." One would think that if DEQ needs to take what they deem as drastic action that they would be able to state with some clarity that a danger exists. There certainly has been conflicting information from other sources that it does not.
Bullseye and Urororos Glass companies are far from being the only glass manufacturers in the Country. As pertaining to the most recent scare, that being Chromium which is used to make green glass, one simply needs to look in the supermarket to see how many things come in green glass bottle. There is easily obtainable scientific evidence that verifies that Chromium III does not change to Chromium VI in the glass melting process used by Bullseye and Uroboros Glass, but why we possibly look to science rather than public opinion and political concerns? Both Portland glass companies not only employ hundreds of workers, they also provide glass to customers worldwide. The DEQ would lead you to believe that the impact of these immediate regulations would be minimal when in fact they would be profound and far reaching.
I'm certain I'm not stating anything different than you have already heard from many others, however I would like to indicate my support of both glass companies, who have been business for over 70 combined years, and ask that the DEQ and other involved environmental agencies simply do their research, their responsibility, and their jobs so as to allow them to make accurate, science based decision rather than making decisions based upon shame and public opinion. We do not need to either destroy, or drive from our great Country, any more businesses when simple processes and reasonable actions can make them safe.
Thank You,
Tim