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Hello,

Trivalent Chromium is common and is a nutrient that our bodies use. Hexavalent Chromium is toxic to our bodies. Hexavalent Chromium levels found by Bullseye Glass were below federal screening levels. It is true that some, low levels, where found. Perhaps it actually came from Portland Cement used in concrete. In my research I found this PDF file from the Portland Cement Association, Hexavalent Chromium in Cement Manufacturing: Literature Review, PCA R&D Serial No. 2983. http://web.mit.edu/cron/project/concrete-sustainability-hub/Literature%20Review/Building%20Energy/Concerte%20Industry%20Reports/PCA%20CD%20Cement%20Research%20Library%202008/reports/SN2983.pdf In that report, they say that Hexavalent chromium is found in cement in generally trace amounts. But it is still found in cement. Perhaps some demolishing of sidewalks or buildings nearby the Bullseye plant cause the elevated levels of chromium.

I use Bullseye glass in my art and have been following the turn of events with Bullseye, the community and the DEQ. I believe in scientific facts and understanding of the truth. To cause a business and an industry to shut down on inconclusive test results is appalling.

Public outcry over the discovery of minute toxins in the air has been blown way out of proportion. It is important to keep toxins out of the atmosphere, but even gas power autos and lawnmowers produce toxins. Even electric cars produce ozone, a known toxin at ground level.
The media has played a role in the Bullseye issue as well. The media will play on people's fears and ignorance. They say that toxins where found, but not at what levels. And the levels are below DEQ screening levels. People will hear "toxins found" and then get out their torches and pitch forks. I too am concerned about the air quality and toxins found in it. However, Bullseye has voluntarily stopped using the heavy metals and stopped contributing to the air pollution of the city. They will also install a "baghouse" filtration system to go above and beyond their requirements. They are responsive to the community that they belong to and want to better protect their neighbors from air pollutants.

Thank You,
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