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As a glass artist and resident of Portland, I have followed the news surrounding the use of arsenic, cadmium and chromium III in glass production by Bullseye closely. I have had a relationship with Bullseye for over 10 years. Throughout this time, Bullseye has demonstrated a commitment to safety in all areas of glass work.

It seems to me that DEQ & the EPA made a critical error 10+ years ago, by not establishing proper filtration requirements on the glass industry and to cover this gross government error is looking for someone to blame. Had either of these organizations done their homework years ago, Bullseye and Portland residents would not be dealing with the current situation.

Although I feel for the Portland residents that live near the factory, the fact remains that Bullseye has passes all the relevant air quality tests set by DEQ & the EPA. Bullseye is cooperating with these agencies, voluntarily suspending use of the heavy metals until better filtration can be installed, and diligently working toward a sound solution and clean air.

The DEQ meeting today is nothing more than a public execution. DEQ and the EPA need someone to blame for their error and they have chosen Bullseye. It is disgraceful. **Let’s work together to find a solution rather than shutting the company down and putting people out of work.**

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