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Help please Today!
Please stop, or at least delay the action being taken in Portland Oregon
against the Glass companies.

I am sorry this is a poorly constructed cry for help .. there is no time left.
The science does not support the enactment being imposed without proper review,
 or provide an opportunity for members of the community to address the issue.
These glass companies work very hard to keep the community safe. They have met previous requirements and will continue to improve their efforts, now that new data has come to their attention.
The original article was alarmist, and inaccurate.
The follow up DEQ article was poorly distributed, or ignored.
These new 'temporary' restrictions are inappropriate.
Please request a review of the science, before issuing these restrictions.
We need a common sense review, not an alarmist reaction.
Yes we want to protect our residents,
but placing blame on the wrong businesses will not correct the problem,
and will put some well-intentioned businesses out of business … not to mention, the glass artists.
Thank you
Cindy

please review this informative e-mail:

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Sent: Tue, Mar 15, 2016 7:15 am
Subject: FW: Important letter from Bullseye

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Bullseye Glass Co. needs your help.

Tomorrow, DEQ is proposing a set of sweeping “temporary” regulations that will severely curtail our production, without clear supporting evidence or an understanding of how we make our glass.

See the agenda and proposed temporary rules here:
http://www.oregon.gov/deq/EQC/Documents/2016/031516eqcAgenda.pdf

The primary issue is our use of trivalent chromium Cr(III). Both DEQ and EPA have acknowledged there is no clear evidence of acute or chronic health risks based on Bullseye’s use of Cr(III), which is a harmless and naturally occurring compound. The limitations proposed are based on politics and anchored in speculation that some of these compounds might possibly change into a more toxic form of Chromium

in our furnaces.

Scientific evidence clearly indicates our furnaces cannot turn Chromium III into Chromium VI. If they did, our glass would be ruined. For more information on this, see this explanation by Dr. LaCourse of Alfred University: http://www.bullseyeglass.com/about-us/dr-lacourse-chromium-statement.html

Bullseye understands the public interest and supports stronger environmental standards for our industry. To that effect, the company has already began the process of installing 99% efficient baghouses on furnaces that melt Chromium. We've agreed to test these filtration devices once they're installed and in operation.

As many of you know, Chromium III is essential to us producing the glass you rely on. Scientific evidence shows our use of the compound is not harmful. Nevertheless, DEQ wants to restrict Bullseye from using Cr(III) for an extended period of time. They are essentially basing these rules off an assumption of guilt without any supporting evidence.

Neither DEQ or EPA have required any other US producer, of green glass, to entirely and arbitrarily stop their production without notice and perform the kind of extensive testing and modeling that DEQ is asking for. A typical green bottle manufacturer uses 1,000 times more Cr(III) per year than Bullseye Glass. A bottle producer, with emission controls, would melt more Cr(III) each day than Bullseye uses in a year.

These newly proposed regulations are based on politics and fear, not science. They come right after DEQ's executive director was forced to resign and its lead air monitor left the agency. These regulations could be forced upon us in the next 24 hours via a temporary rule making procedure by DEQ.

If we are not allowed to use Cr (III), we can no longer make green glass. On top of our voluntary suspension of cadmium glass production until our baghouse is in place, this new limitation would eliminate 50% of our product line. It would result in employee layoffs, huge economic impacts to Bullseye and our worldwide customers, and could even drive us out of business.

(To contact us on this subject, please send email to our Environmental Information email at questions@bullseyeglass.com.)

Warm regards,

Dan Schwoerer and Lani McGregor

And the people of Bullseye Glass Co.