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Good Morning, I'm not certain exactly what part you play in this situation, however, I know the part I play in it.

I've been a glass blower for 15 years. I live in Hood River and blow in The Dalles. All of our raw materials comes from either Bullseye or Uroboros Glass Companies. I am a retired science teacher from Portland Public Schools and taught in the areas that were affected by this scare tactic. I realize there is real concern and it should have been addressed years ago. However, doing it in such a "witch hunt" fashion has truly tainted my estimation of our DEQ and our salivating media.

As a science teacher I tried to instill the idea that before you could spout out statements and use them as facts, they had to be tested and tested and tested. So far based solely on what I've been reading through the media (mostly the Oregonian), the initial scare was "Oh so tested!" However, after numerous days, further tests of the soil have in fact left much to be in-conclusive.

Mixing light or even heavy industry with housing is never a good idea. The cement plants....my oh my....they are very polluting....large and destructive, casting companies are equally polluting as can be stated for many companies both large and small.

Before I get lost in ramblings of my own, let me say that the latest issue seems to be around Chromium III and its POSSIBLY being turned into Chromium IV. May I refer you to more scientific information before you actually jump on a mis-directed band-wagon?
Dr. LaCourse of Alfred University: http://www.bullseyeglass.com/about-us/dr-lacourse-chromium-statement.html
-- All this has to do with the type of mixture that is used in heating the glass. When a flame is neutral, glass is happy...when there is a reducing flame(more propane/natural gas than oxygen) it will bring out the metals to the surface of the glass which will RUIN green glass fast. Obviously when I purchase green glass from Bullseye, Uroboros, it is green and that alone states that the heat source was in a neutral environment AND SAFE. Otherwise I wouldn't be purchasing glass that is that beautiful green colour.

Any government knows instinctively or experimentally that if you stir up enough FEAR you can control the population. Here is an absolutely perfect example of it.
Keep the fear going and you will direct the people. Please get off that track.

Insist on the protection from ALL COMPANIES USING THESE PRODUCTS and then enforce the protections. Otherwise, quit singling out smaller companies to cast the blame upon.

Might I also point out the companies that are being singled out have voluntarily stopped using chemicals that produce the reds, oranges, yellows and are installing better filters. These companies are in good faith and responsible partners to our environment. Don't drive them out of business because of mis-guided information that isn't completely true.

When you think of the economic impact of having world recognized and respected glass dealers in PORTLAND, OREGON, you really need to know which cliff you are hanging onto. Thousands of people flock into Portland for conferences and many of these conferences are put on by the leaders in the industry...mainly Bullseye and Uroboros. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of glass are shipped WORLD-WIDE from Portland....Heads on Beds benefits from these conferences. I can go on ad nauseum but will limit my time with you to simply request that you seriously look at the science behind the Chromium III / IV issue before you knee-jerk react because of a populace that is being led by FEAR.

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