#### Bullseye Glass Public Health Assessment Findings

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#### Background



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**Environmental Public Health** 

#### **Bullseye Environmental Investigation Timeline – Part 1**

2011 DEQ started looking for source of cadmium

#### May 2015 USFS shares results of moss sampling with DEQ

2013 USFS started sampling moss for metals



## **Bullseye Environmental Investigation Timeline – Part 2**

October 2015 DEQ February 2016 sets up air monitor many response actions near Bullseye End of **January** 2016 DEQ gets results from October 2015 monitoring and shares with OHA



# **2016 Response Actions**

#### **Community response and advocacy**

- Emissions reduced by 98%
- Air monitoring around Bullseye for a year
- DEQ recognized gap in regulations
  - Cleaner Air Oregon launched
  - New rules for art glass manufacturers
- OHA offered cadmium testing
- OHA began Public Health Assessment

**Community response and advocacy** 

#### **Community Concerns and Questions**



Children's health

- Past exposures
- Cancer in the neighborhood
- Gardening
- Urine testing
- Preventing exposures
- Gap in regulations
- Mistrust in agencies





#### Public Health Assessment (PHA)

- Tool developed by the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR/CDC)
- Based on environmental data (air, water, soil)
- Answers question: "Are contaminant levels high enough to harm health?"
- If yes, provides recommendations and guidance on reducing exposures and health risks



#### **The Public Health Assessment Process**



## **Overview of Public Health Assessment Slides**

- Environmental sampling data used (1 slide)
- Contaminants of concern identified (1 slide)
- Time and exposure (3 slides)
- Conclusions of the PHA (6 slides)





#### **Contaminants of Concern**









#### **Range of Exposures in Air**



Short-term Exposure

Used maximum 24-hour concentration from monitoring period



#### **Range of Exposures in Soil**



Health

#### **Health Risks from Past Exposure**



Listened Inv

Investigated

Consulted

Hit Scientific Limit



#### Long-term Health Risks <u>If</u> Emissions would have Continued





#### **Current Health Risks – Air**



Too Low to Harm Health

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Used maximum 24-hour concentration from monitoring period



#### Levels of metals in SOIL



# **Too Low to** Harm Health



# Gardening, Urine Cadmium, and Cancer Rates



Too Low to Harm Health

#### NO CONCLUSION Possible

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## **Summary of Health Risk Findings**

Exposure	Cancer risk from long-term exposure	Noncancer risk from long-term exposure	Noncancer risk from short-term exposure
Pre-2016 air with no intervention	Potential harm	Potential harm	Unknown
Air before 2016	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Current air	No	No	No
Soil	No	No	No
Produce	No	No	No



#### **Next Actions**



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