



Bullseye Glass Company Baghouse Malfunction

Questions and answers

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What happened?

Bullseye Glass informed DEQ on May 7 that their baghouse has experienced a malfunction which has damaged one or more bags. The furnace that vents to the baghouse is no longer making glass that contains arsenic, cadmium or chromium compounds. Bullseye also confirmed that they continue to not use arsenic, cadmium or chromium in any of their uncontrolled furnaces. DEQ is uncertain whether significant emissions occurring during this time, but any such emissions will likely register on DEQ's monitoring stations around the facility.

What is DEQ doing?

Bullseye will submit a full report to DEQ on the cause of the malfunction, the nature of the required repairs and what corrective action(s) must be taken to anticipate, reduce and avoid future malfunctions. DEQ has also sent an inspector to the site to verify that operations with arsenic, cadmium and chromium have been stopped as reported.

Is this a violation?

No. Malfunctions happen with baghouses and Bullseye took appropriate and timely steps to notify DEQ and change operations. They will be taking appropriate corrective actions. It is not uncommon to have upset conditions when initially operating new equipment.

Does this mean that the baghouse wasn't installed correctly?

No. It does mean that some kind of adjustment needs to be made to make sure that the baghouse will continue to appropriately reduce emissions.

What happens next?

Bullseye will provide DEQ their report and corrective action plan, carry out necessary repairs and inform DEQ when they are complete. DEQ will inspect the baghouse once repairs are complete. DEQ will also provide documents and reports to the public as they are received.