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Health Department Announces Agreement with Guardian Industries

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today announced a consent order and agreement with Guardian Industries concerning past air quality violations at its glass manufacturing facility in Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania.

The consent order and agreement, executed on January 7, 2015, addresses Guardian's stoppage of construction activities necessary for the timely installation of mandated air pollution control equipment. This equipment controls the manufacturing process' nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds which form ground-level ozone or "smog."

"We are disappointed that Guardian has missed these construction milestones and have negotiated this agreement to ensure that the plant installs this important equipment that is designed to reduce emissions of ozone-causing compounds," said Jim Thompson, the Department's Deputy Director of Environmental Health.

The agreement imposes an initial civil penalty of \$25,000 and stipulated penalties of up to \$4,800 for every day that the plant operates without the equipment. In addition, it mandates that the plant employ the ozone control equipment by the end of 2015.

Guardian is an industrial manufacturer of glass, automotive and building products.

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