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Whirlpool Statement on Contingency Lawsuit Offer to Fort Smith:

“Whirlpool is proud to have been a responsible corporate citizen of Fort Smith for over 60 years, and we remain committed to staying here until the remediation process is complete. Under the supervision and direction of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), and in consultation with the City of Fort Smith, we are pushing forward with the implementation of the science-based, step-by-step remediation process required under Final RADD. It is not surprising that an out-of-state lawyer is seeking to take advantage of this situation for her own purposes, with the hope of a contingency fee. Whirlpool has, and will, fulfill its responsibility directly to the Fort Smith community. Importantly, ADEQ has determined there has been no expansion of the TCE plume for approximately eight years. Also, there is no exposure or complete pathway to exposure, and therefore no health risk. Whirlpool will continue to keep the Fort Smith City Directors and the community informed of important developments, including progress toward the redevelopment of the site. These updates, along with all site testing data and reports submitted to ADEQ, are publicly available on www.whirlpoolfortsmith.com.”