

**Whirlpool Corporation Statement on August 1, 2013 Letter from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality**

Whirlpool received comments in a letter dated August 1, 2013 from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on the 2012-2013 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report submitted by the company in June concerning TCE detected in the groundwater immediately below and adjacent to the former Fort Smith factory. As part of the regulatory process, we anticipated ADEQ would have comments and we are reviewing the items ADEQ identified and will promptly respond.

We have re-examined data from the southern plume wells and all data show that the plume is under control and has not expanded. Monitoring of additional wells on the site in a buffer area between the southern edge of the plume and the boundary of the plant property have not detected TCE, which indicate the plume remains contained. Whirlpool will follow-up with ADEQ to address their comments regarding the graphical representations of the underlying data, all of which has been provided to ADEQ.

Using scientific data and analysis, ADEQ has determined there are no pathways to human TCE exposure, and therefore there is no health risk. No data has been presented to dispute this determination.

Under Whirlpool's commitment to responsible environmental practices, the company is working with Arkansas regulators and the Fort Smith community to develop and execute an appropriate remediation strategy that controls, reduces and monitors TCE.

Additional information about Whirlpool's ongoing work to address the TCE contamination in Fort Smith is available at [www.WhirlpoolFortSmith.com](http://www.WhirlpoolFortSmith.com).