

Whirlpool Corporation Begins Implementation of Fort Smith TCE Remediation Plan

Company Committed to Moving Forward Following Approval of Final Remedial Action Decision Document by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Benton Harbor, Mich. – December 30, 2013 –Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) announced today that the company is pushing ahead to implement the Final Remedial Action Decision Document (RADD) issued December 27, 2013 by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to address trichloroethylene (TCE) detected in the groundwater immediately below and adjacent to Whirlpool's Fort Smith property.

"The science-based remediation plan approved by ADEQ in the Final RADD was determined to be the most effective method for attacking and removing the TCE following extensive testing, research and community feedback," said Jeff Noel, corporate vice president, Whirlpool Corporation. "Whirlpool is committed to moving forward with the remediation work and to keeping the residents and elected officials in Fort Smith informed of important developments along the way."

Earlier this month, Whirlpool began some initial pre-design work and testing activities to expedite the first phase of the work required under the Final RADD. Within 30 days, Whirlpool will submit a draft Work Plan with a schedule for field testing, construction and remediation implementation to ADEQ. The timing of each step of the remediation work plan, which will be reviewed and approved by ADEQ, will depend on a number of different factors, including the results of the initial testing and regulatory approval for certain actions.

Whirlpool has been working closely and actively with ADEQ since 2001. Based on the results from the ongoing sampling program, ADEQ has determined there has been no expansion of the TCE plume for approximately eight years, no exposure or pathway to exposure and no health risk in the Fort Smith community.

ADEQ will oversee Whirlpool's actions throughout the implementation of the remediation work plan. Whirlpool will continue to make its quarterly monitoring reports to the ADEQ available to the public at WhirlpoolFortSmith.com.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of approximately \$18 billion in 2012, 68,000 employees, and 65 manufacturing and technology research centers around the world. The company markets *Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air, Amana, Brastemp, Consul, Bauknecht* and other major brand names to consumers in nearly every country around the world. Additional information about the company can be found at <http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com>.