



FACTS

Whirlpool Corporation and our people have been a part of the Clyde community for over 60 years, and we sympathize with the families who are concerned about possible health issues in our area. We have over 3,000 people going to work with us every day in Clyde. We live here, too, and we are also very eager to learn as much as we can about the health questions that are being raised.

Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency investigated an area of the former Whirlpool Park that may have been filled with dirt from elsewhere more than 50 years ago. The investigation discovered the presence of a contaminant. There is no evidence that the contaminant moved off the site. We have been working with the U.S. EPA, the Ohio EPA, and the current property owner to determine the extent and, if possible, the source of the contamination.

General information

- Whirlpool purchased the site known then as Whirlpool Park in 1953 for use as a park for employees and their families and friends.
- The park was closed in 2006 and sold to a private owner in 2008.
- We do not know where the contaminant at the former Whirlpool Park site came from or how it got there.
- Whirlpool never authorized any dumping of contaminants at the site.
- Whirlpool was notified of the contaminant issue at the former Whirlpool Park site by the U.S. EPA in July 2012.

What we know about the situation

- Samples taken from the property at the former Whirlpool Park showed a contaminant was found at depths at which people would not have been exposed.
- Sampling and environmental reviews were conducted on current Whirlpool Clyde facilities separately from the former Whirlpool Park. Samples from the Whirlpool Clyde facilities showed no contaminants.
- U.S. EPA analysis of a neighboring well found no contaminant.

Actions Whirlpool has taken

- We are working with environmental experts to conduct further environmental testing of the former Whirlpool Park site.
- We are working with federal and state agencies to determine next steps based on the results of those tests.
- We are reviewing our records and conducting a full environmental review of the site to attempt to learn when, where, and in what amounts contaminants may have entered the soil.
- As part of the Ohio EPA Voluntary Action Program, we have completed the Phase I property assessment.
- We have examined the site with Environmental Protection Agency experts and have interviewed past employees as well as the current owner of the property.
- We have collected and examined aerial photographs and have conducted other research.

Actions Whirlpool will take next

- Whirlpool continues to look for the answers that the people of Clyde deserve.
- All actions taken to date were done as part of an investigation and development of a sampling plan for Phase II, which will include testing soil and groundwater on the site.
- The Ohio EPA has approved Whirlpool's comprehensive Phase II plan for the investigation of soil, surface water, stream sediment, fill materials, soil piles, and ground water in the affected areas.
- Using the latest available technologies, approximately 360 samples will be taken on the property.

- The plan meets all Ohio Voluntary Action Program requirements and was developed with guidance from the USEPA.
- This extensive testing program is the next step in our effort to learn as much as we can about the health questions that are being raised in Clyde. We expect to begin taking samples in mid to late May

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