



## Whirlpool responds to Clyde cancer cluster claims

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[The Whirlpool Corporation](#) released the following statement in response to claims that the [company did not disclose an EPA report](#) about toxins found at Whirlpool Park in Clyde:

"We appreciate the concerns of the community. We have been members of this community for more than 60 years and employ thousands of local residents. Since being notified by the USEPA of their test results, Whirlpool has worked diligently and persistently with the current owner of this property, his lawyer and have even solicited the help of the USEPA to gain access to the site to conduct appropriate surveys and additional testing in partnership with the state and federal environmental agencies. However, the property owner and his lawyer have denied all of our requests for access to the site under reasonable conditions. We are hopeful that the voices of these families will encourage the property owner and his lawyers to allow Whirlpool onto the property to begin the site characterization in coordination with state and federal authorities. We are prepared to move forward immediately with the first steps of the evaluation once granted access to the property."



Soil samples taken from Whirlpool Park revealed levels of PCBs and a sludge filled with toxic metals that [exceeded the EPA's requirement](#) for residential properties. Several residents in the area said they developed cancer as result of living near the park. The victims' attorneys allege that Whirlpool did not disclose the information found in the EPA report.

The lead attorneys in the Clyde Cancer Cluster case will discuss their plans to investigate whether or not the park may be a contributing cause to their clients' cancer on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Clyde Public Library.

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