

# Federal lawsuit against Whirlpool for Clyde Cancer Cluster : News : NorthwestOhio.com

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Toledo, Oh - At a press conference Wednesday, attorney's announced the filing of a federal lawsuit against the Whirlpool Corporation in relation to the Clyde Cancer Cluster.

Also released was the results of tests recently conducted in six attics in and around the Clyde area.

Five hoises tested positive for Benzeldahyde, which has been put on the hazardous substance list by the EPA, and has been proven to be a perspective carcinogen.

The sixth house tested was the control house, which is located much farther away than the other houses, and tested clean.

This finding strengthens the belief of the families that there is one common factor.

"There are several in our group that have long believed that these cancers were caused by an airborne agent," says Warren Brown, who lost his daughter to cancer in 2007.

A possible smoking gun is a barrell, with the label still attached, which was recently found dumped near the old Whirlpool Park site.

"It's literally right under the calvert to Whirlpool Park," says Alan Mortensen, the attorney representing the families.

Many people who played at the whirlpool park site when they were children, have lost their own children to cancer.

"I also promised her, while she lay there waiting to go to heaven, that her death would not be in vain," says Warren Brown, referring to his daughter Alexa.

Some adults are still plagued with disease.

One man named in the lawsuit says he has had kidney cancer and leukemia. He has had his right kidney removed, and is currently taking expensive medication to keep leukemia under control.

Whirlpool has not reached out to the media about the lawsuit, but an email from a representative states that, calling Whirlpool Park a "former dumping ground," is not accurate, and that it was used as a park the entire time Whirlpool owned it.

However, locals tell WNWO that they are positive it was used to dump over the years.

The families point out that recent findings and testing would not have ever happen if it were left up to government authorities.

Warren Brown says, "They did not turn this stone over. We did. I don't know if that upsets anyone, but the families had to

turn this stone over."

The lawsuit is being called a milestone, and now the battle will continue in a federal court.