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Residents Briefed on 'Clyde Cancer Cluster' Case

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CLYDE, Ohio — Dozens of people turned out at Fremont High School Monday night for a town hall meeting on the alleged Clyde cancer cluster.

“The last seven years has been hell. It’s been horrible,” said Clyde resident Dave Hisey.

Hisey said two of his children had cancer. He is a plaintiff in one of two class action lawsuits filed against Whirlpool Corporation over the alleged cancer cluster in eastern Sandusky County.

The suit alleges Whirlpool intentionally dumped toxic, cancer-causing materials at the former Whirlpool Park in Sandusky County.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, 35 children in eastern Sandusky County have been diagnosed with various types of cancer since 1996.

Four kids have died.

“It’s very frustrating; it’s very sad. You just get tired, worn down,” Hisey said.

Many people who turned out Monday have loved ones who lived in the area, died from cancer or have children suffering from cancer or other diseases.

“Our first granddaughter has been diagnosed with Crohn’s Disease. She’s 10, and the four-year-old, her little sister, has been diagnosed with immune deficiencies,” attendee Penny Foos said.

Attorney Alan Mortensen filed the second lawsuit. He claims the cancer-causing substance is

"It's a known hazardous substance by the EPA," Mortensen said.

We called Whirlpool for their response, but their office was closed for the holiday.

In a previous statement they said:

"We are currently reviewing the lawsuit filed today. As a member of the community for over 60 years, with more than 3,000 employees in the area, we are also very interested in figuring out the facts behind this ongoing issue. We are working closely with the current property owner, the U.S. EPA and the Ohio EPA to address the issues at the former Whirlpool Park through the Ohio EPA Voluntary Action Program. We have submitted a Phase I Property Assessment Report and Phase II Work Plans for comment and approval by both agencies."

The suit asks for a jury trial. The plaintiffs are seeking \$750 million in damages.

It asks that a medical monitoring fund and a clean-up fund are created, as well.

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