



Fort Smith TCE Issue Fact Sheet

Whirlpool and ADEQ Continue To Address TCE Release

Whirlpool Corporation takes full responsibility for the issue of Trichloroethylene (TCE) in the groundwater that it has caused. We have been working with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and in contact with local officials since 2001.

Area residents currently have no exposure to TCE. The proposed Well Ordinance is an added precaution, that follows best practices to further help assure residents safety – and is in addition to ongoing work with the ADEQ.

What We Know About the Groundwater Today

- There is no current exposure to TCE in this area
- Boundaries of the groundwater area containing TCE levels above drinking water standards have not moved for more than 8 years
- Approximately 15 properties are located within this area
- There are no groundwater wells in this area
- All homes in this area are connected to city water
- Total quantity of TCE has been decreasing over time

What Have We Been Doing Since The Release Was Discovered?

- Whirlpool Corporation identified the problem in 2001 and provided initial notification to Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and local officials
- Early in the process with the ADEQ it was determined that there was no risk to residents of the area
- Continue to work closely with ADEQ— fulfilling all process requirements
- Held neighborhood meeting in 2010 to address Interim Measures
- Conducted two Interim Measures to treat impacted groundwater

What Are We Doing Now?

- Revising Risk Management Plan with ADEQ – Incorporating all data and findings into a single decision document that will be the basis for selecting and implementing a final remedy
- Continue Semi-Annual Sampling of Wells
- Continue Annual Groundwater Monitoring Reports

What Will We Be Doing?

- Whirlpool will be meeting with residents of the impacted area
- Will hold a 30 day Public Comment Period and Open Public Comment Meeting on proposed remedy
- ADEQ Approves Remedy
- Whirlpool Corporation Implements Remedy with ADEQ oversight
- Continue to prepare quarterly progress reports and annual

HEALTH FACTS

No Exposure To TCE:

Because there are no groundwater wells in this area, and due to the dense soil properties:

- **No one is drinking the groundwater**
- **No one is touching the groundwater**
- **No one is breathing vapors from the groundwater**

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

USEPA

www.epa.gov

ADEQ

www.adeq.state.ar.us/hazwaste

ENVIRON

www.environcorp.com

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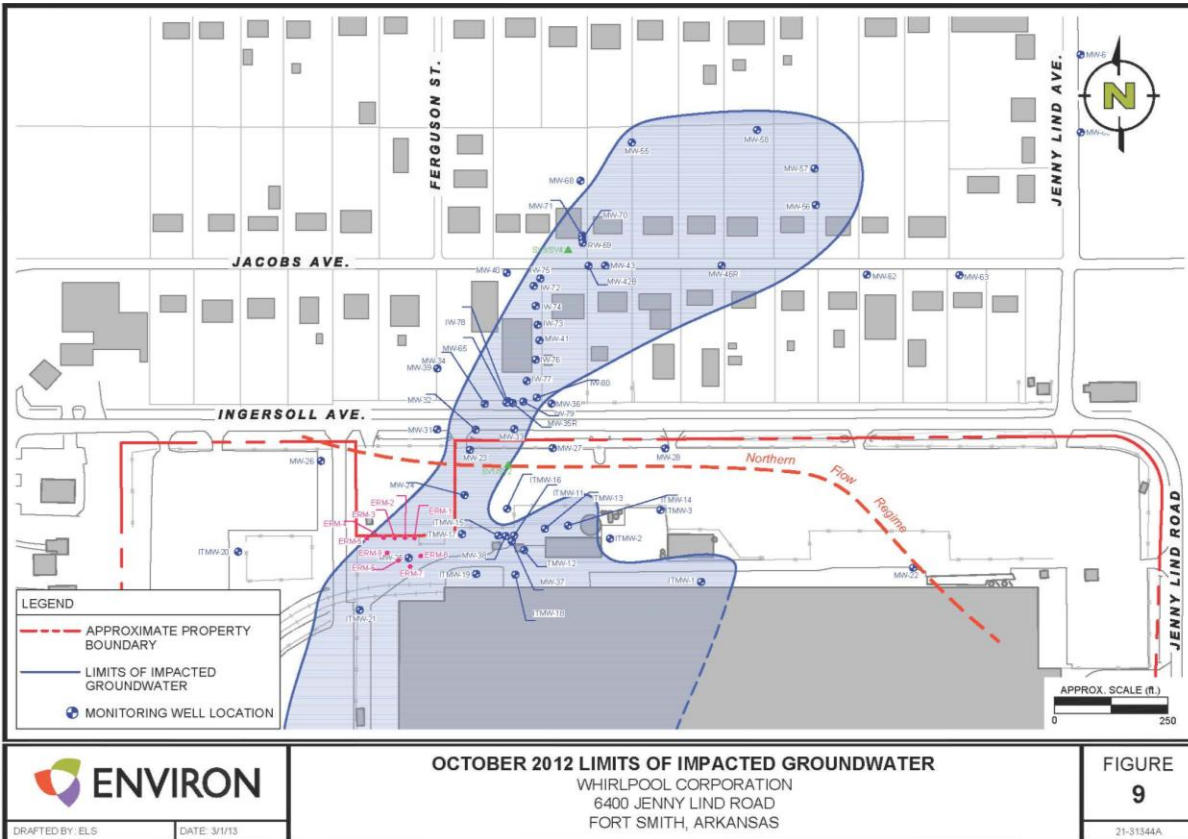
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Boundary of Groundwater With TCE Levels Above Drinking Water Standard



Compliance With ADEQ Letter Of Agreement

Notice of Intent (NOI)	Completed
Scoping Meeting	Completed
Risk Management Strategy	Completed
Corrective Action Strategy	Completed
Facility Activities	Completed
Risk Evaluation	Completed
Remedy Selection-Options	Completed
Risk Management Plan	Completed
Interim Measures	Completed
Revised Risk Management Plan	In Progress
Public Comment Period	TBD
Final Remedy Selection	TBD
Final Remedy Implementation	TBD

Completed = Completed by Whirlpool Corp. and approved by ADEQ