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Whirlpool Statement on ADEQ May 12 Letter:

"This is the adaptive remedy approach in action. An additional, limited area of soil with increased concentrations of TCE on the Whirlpool property was verified following completion of the RADD. Under the adaptive remedy approach, we are able to use this supplemental information and work with ADEQ to develop and implement remedial actions designed to most effectively address the current on-site conditions. These actions include active treatment both on and off site of the Whirlpool parcel.

While we will be providing a more comprehensive written response to ADEQ in the next 15 days, the fact is that the adaptive remedy process is working as intended, validating what we knew and further pinpointing the areas that require further scientifically-based action.

As the letter indicated, we are actively working with ADEQ on the appropriate remedial approach to this area, which will include strategic removal of highly impacted soil in conjunction with other treatment options. We look forward to sharing more specific next steps in our formal reply as we finalize the most effective approach to dealing with the facts the adaptive remedy process has provided."