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VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Tammie J. Hynum
Hazardous Waste Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Re: Request for Extension of Time to Submit Public Comments on the Revised Remedial Action Decision Document for the Whirlpool Corporation Facility in Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Hynum:

On December 19, 2014, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issued a Notice of Revised Remedial Action Decision Document (RADD) for the Whirlpool Corporation (Whirlpool) facility located in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Whirlpool hereby requests that ADEQ extend the period for submitting public comments on the draft Revised RADD by twenty (20) days until February 9, 2015.

ADEQ has authority to extend the public comment period for a draft permitting decision by up to twenty calendar days if exceptional circumstances warrant. *See* APC&EC Reg. 8.208(C). In this case, exceptional circumstances exist because the 2014 Annual Report was filed only today, as required by the current RADD. The information contained in the 2014 Annual Report is critical to ensure the public is fully informed about the work that has been done and the current situation at the site, which is necessary to provide well-reasoned responses to the proposed Revised RADD. Furthermore, the Revised RADD was issued over the holidays. With holiday schedules and vacations within both ADEQ and Whirlpool, and with a postal service burdened by the holidays, Whirlpool's receipt and review of the Revised RADD was considerably delayed. As such, Whirlpool requests that the public comment period be extended as requested herein to afford Whirlpool and others in the community sufficient time to review the Revised RADD and submit comprehensive, informative comments on the multiple technical issues presented in the document.



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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (269) 923-6641. We appreciate your of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurence W. Prange". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Laurence W. Prange