

NEWS RELEASE



STATE WATER HEATERS PLANT IN ASHLAND CITY CLOSED DUE TO FLOODS

ASHLAND CITY, TENN (May 3, 2010) – Due to the record rainfall that fell over the weekend in the Nashville area, the Cumberland River has broken its banks and flooded the State Water Heater manufacturing plant in Ashland City, Tenn.

Our first concern was the safety and well-being of our employees and their families. Now that we are certain they are out of harm's way, our focus is to satisfy our customers' needs.

It will be several days before we can safely re-enter the plant and assess the full impact on our production and distribution operations. In the meantime, we are taking immediate steps to increase production at our other water heater manufacturing sites. Due to the disruption to our normal operations, however, residential lead times have been extended to three weeks, effective immediately.

Our Customer Care Facility, also in Ashland City, was not directly impacted by the flood. Although telephone service in the area surrounding Nashville has been disrupted, we expect our Customer Care facility to be fully operational later this week.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this difficult time. We will keep you informed as additional information becomes available.

About State Water Heaters

For more than 60 years, State Water Heaters has built dependable, long-lasting water heaters for commercial and residential applications. State remains fixed on manufacturing durable products that last longer. For more information, visit www.statewaterheaters.com.

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