

Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (February 23, 2024)

- EPA has released "[A Year in Review](#)" [storymap](#), which summarizes the Agency's response to the train derailment. View photos, videos and an interactive map from the site.
- Norfolk Southern has completed backfilling new stone and gravel at former Car Scrapping Area 4 north of Taggart Street near CeramFab. Residents should notice reduced truck traffic and traffic controls on East Taggart St. The speed limit will remain at 15 mph to ensure both community and worker safety while site restoration and other work continues.
- Confirmatory sampling and investigation, known as Appendix E work, is ongoing.
- EPA and Ohio EPA are reviewing Norfolk Southern's proposed approach to conduct additional stream cleanup based upon the most recent stream survey and assessments. An [interactive map detailing the sheen survey](#) has been added to the website.
- The initial work in the underground culverts in East Palestine is complete. Drones and robots were used to assist workers as they accessed, surveyed, and monitored the culverts. The assessments of all 5 culverts are complete and 4 of the culverts have been cleaned. The fifth culvert will be cleaned as part of the upcoming stream cleanup mentioned in the previous bullet.
- EPA's Welcome Center is open by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call EPA's information line at 330-775-6517. Questions can also be sent to r5_eastpalestine@epa.gov.
- The most recent monthly East Palestine newsletter was released on February 14 and can be found [here](#). Previous editions are available on EPA's East Palestine webpage, available at <https://www.epa.gov/east-palestine-oh-train-derailment>.

Response by the Numbers *(as of February 22)*

- 176,853 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 54,402,071 gallons of wastewater shipped.
- Confirmatory sampling work is approximately 48% complete.

What to Expect Next Week

At the derailment site:

- Continue site-wide confirmation sampling.
- Continue treatment and shipping of wastewater.
- Another round of vapor intrusion sampling will start at businesses along the site.