

Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (June 7, 2024)

- Public comments on the United States' proposed settlement with Norfolk Southern will be accepted until July 1. Information on how to submit a comment is available in the [Federal Register](#).
- Initial cleanup efforts in Leslie Run were completed this week. A full re-assessment of the streams is now underway to identify any residual oil sheening that needs to be addressed. Sulphur Run is being evaluated first, then crews will move to Leslie Run. This work will continue for several weeks.
- The return of natural water flow back into Sulphur Run continues. This return of water to the ditches results in much less water collection volume. This in turn allows for tank farm areas to be decommissioned and for final clearance sampling and restoration to be completed.
- Community members may notice soil movement activity occurring south of Taggart Street. Water storage is being reduced in that area. Following storage tank cleanout and removal, ground padding is removed, and topsoil is scraped, piled, and sampled. Once analytical data is received, the soil is shipped to an appropriate facility for final disposal. The area is then ready for final confirmation sampling.
- 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.

Response by the Numbers *(as of June 6)*

- 178,717 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 70,850,706 gallons of wastewater shipped.
- Confirmatory sampling work is 64% complete.

What to Expect Next Week

- Continue site-wide confirmation sampling.
- Continue shipment of untreated non-hazardous water.
- Continue re-assessment of Sulphur Run.