

Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (June 14, 2024)

- The public comment period for the United States' proposed settlement with Norfolk Southern has been extended to August 2. Written comments can be submitted via email or mail and should refer to *The State of Ohio and The United States of America v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-12792:
 - By email: pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov
 - By mail: Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611
- Another round of cleanup was conducted in Sulphur Run to address several persistent sheen areas that were identified through the re-assessment process. A second re-assessment of Sulphur Run has now begun. The initial re-assessment of Leslie Run also continued this week and should be completed by this weekend.
- The return of natural water flow back into Sulphur Run continues. This return of water to the ditches has resulted in much less site-wide water collection volume. This in turn is allowing for tank farm areas to be decommissioned and for final clearance sampling and restoration in the former tank farm areas to be completed.
- Final confirmation sampling is over 65% complete. Three small areas on-site where significant hazardous substance management operations occurred showed low levels of vinyl chloride present just above site screening levels. In accordance with the approved plans, soil was removed for off-site disposal. More details about this process will be included in the next site newsletter.
- 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 14)

- 179,559 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 71,445,176 gallons of wastewater shipped.
- Confirmatory sampling work is over 65% complete.

What to Expect Next Week

- Continue site-wide confirmation sampling.
- Continue tank reduction work and soil sampling in tank farm 6 (south of Taggart Street).
- Continue shipment of untreated wastewater.
- Continue re-assessment of Sulphur Run.