

## **Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (April 26, 2024)**

- On April 17, sediment cleanup resumed in Sulphur Run after a pause due to operational issues and flooding. Cleanup will continue as long as water flow in the creeks remains low. One section of Sulphur Run has been completed, pending final inspection.
  - Norfolk Southern initially began sediment cleanup in Sulphur Run on March 25. EPA later directed Norfolk Southern to suspend cleanup operations to evaluate how to contain and recover oil sheen from sediments more effectively.
- The return of natural water flow back into Sulphur Run is underway and is complete at three of nine areas. This work will continue over the course of several months. To prepare for rainwater and water from the upstream wetlands and derailment zone areas to flow naturally again to Sulphur Run, the north and south ditches alongside the tracks and adjacent areas will be sampled. Robust testing under EPA and Ohio EPA guidance, oversight, and approval will ensure the soil around and within the ditches have no remaining contamination. EPA released a [short video](#) describing this process.
- 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](mailto:r5_eastpalestine@epa.gov).

### **Response by the Numbers (as of April 25)**

- 177,667 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 65,014,719 gallons of wastewater shipped.
- Confirmatory sampling work is nearly 60% complete.

### **What to Expect Next Week**

- Continue site-wide confirmation sampling.
- Continue shipment of untreated non-hazardous water.
- Continuing cleanup activities in Sulphur Run (weather dependent).