

Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (May 3, 2024)

- Sediment cleanup continues in Sulphur Run and has progressed from the derailment site downstream to near James Street. Areas requiring further attention have been isolated using containment and sorbent boom. A full creek re-assessment will be conducted after all impacted areas of Leslie and Sulphur run are cleaned.
 - 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.
 - Next week, creek cleanup efforts will progress into residential and commercial areas on Sulphur Run. Work hours will be 7:30 am – 6 pm; however, use of noisy equipment will be limited to 10 am – 4 pm in residential areas.
- The return of natural water flow back into Sulphur Run is underway and is complete at three of 15 areas. This work will continue over 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.

Response by the Numbers (as of May 2)

- 177,741 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 66,191,741 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).