

Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (May 17, 2024)

- Sediment cleanup in Sulphur Run is nearing completion. Next week, creek cleanup efforts are expected to progress into Leslie Run. Tactics may shift slightly to preserve sensitive aquatic habitats. 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.
 - Stream work will be paused from 5/24 through 5/28 for the Memorial Day holiday.
 - A full creek re-assessment will be conducted after all impacted areas of Leslie and Sulphur Runs are cleaned.
- The return of natural water flow back into Sulphur Run is underway and is complete at five 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 are being 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 16)*

- 177,876 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 69,334,803 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.
- Begin cleanup activities in Leslie Run (weather dependent).