

## **Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (May 31, 2024)**

- On May 23, EPA announced a settlement valued at over \$310 million with Norfolk Southern holding the company accountable to address and pay for the damage caused by the derailment. For more details, please read [EPA's news release](#).
  - Public comments on the proposed settlement will be accepted until July 1. Information on how to submit a comment is available in the [Federal Register](#).
- Cleanup in Leslie Run is underway. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; however, use of noisy equipment will be limited to 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in residential areas. A full re-assessment of both creeks 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. This work will continue over several months. 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.
- 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 May 31)***

- 178,042 tons of solid waste shipped.
- 70,280,809 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 cleanup activities in Leslie Run.