

Updates from the East Palestine Train Derailment Emergency Response EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (December 8, 2023)

- Norfolk Southern announced that temporary relocation assistance offered to residents who chose to relocate during soil excavation efforts will conclude February 9, 2024. Residents were notified through a series of automated phone calls throughout the morning of December 5 and the company is also reaching out individually. The Norfolk Southern Family Assistance center is available to answer questions related to this announcement.
- The on-site wastewater treatment system continues to be shut down temporarily due to maintenance and operational adjustments. Previously treated wastewater will continue to be shipped off-site.
- Norfolk Southern continues winterization of equipment at the on-site wastewater treatment facility. The heating systems in the big blue tanks, and the other effluent tanks containing treated non-hazardous liquid, may cause some visible water vapor. This water vapor does not pose any health risks. A large tent-like structure is being installed over top of the wastewater treatment system to keep the system operational in colder temperatures.
- Work continues in the underground culverts in East Palestine.
- Sentinel well installation has been completed.
- The EPA order to Norfolk Southern to conduct a qualitative assessment to identify whether sheen is present in Sulphur Run and Leslie Run is complete. Sediment and sheen sampling at those locations were completed on December 1. Laboratory analyses of samples are underway.
- 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.
- The upcoming edition of the monthly East Palestine newsletter will be mailed next week. Previous editions are available on EPA's East Palestine webpage, available at <https://www.epa.gov/east-palestine-oh-train-derailment>.
- Site operations will be reduced during the week of Christmas with limited staff on-site. The Norfolk Southern Family Assistance Center will be closed from December 22 to January 1 and will reopen January 2, 2024.

Response by the Numbers (as of December 8)

- 175,329 tons (estimated) of solid waste shipped.
- 39,713,940 gallons (estimated) of wastewater shipped.

What to Expect Next Week

At the derailment site:

- Continue wastewater management.

In the greater community:

- Continue final characterization sampling.
- Continue surface water sampling at Leslie and Sulphur Run.
- Continue removal of sediments and debris within Sulphur Run culverts in East Palestine.