

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

- Normal operations of the wastewater treatment plant resumed last week, after the plant was temporarily shut down due to maintenance, worker safety, and operational adjustments. Winterization of the on-site hazardous wastewater treatment system is complete.
- Norfolk Southern continues to backfill new stone and gravel at former Car Scrapping Area 4 north of Taggart Street near CeramFab. Trucking of backfill is planned Monday through Friday. Residents may notice the increased truck traffic along East Taggart Street between North Pleasant Drive and the Pennsylvania border. East Taggart Street will remain open during this work with normal traffic controls. Backfill work is expected to continue throughout the winter. Soil excavation at the site is complete. Backfilling occurs after sampling results indicate excavated areas are clear and contaminated soil has been removed.
- Field work to implement requirements of EPA's order to Norfolk Southern to conduct a qualitative assessment and collect sediment/sheen samples in Sulphur Run and Leslie Run is complete. EPA and Ohio EPA are reviewing Norfolk Southern's proposed approach to conduct additional stream cleanup based upon these assessments.
- The initial work in the underground culverts in East Palestine is complete. Drones and robots were used to assist workers as they accessed, surveyed, and monitored the culverts. The assessments of all 5 culverts are complete and 4 of the culverts have been cleaned. The fifth culvert will be cleaned during the upcoming additional stream cleanup phase in the previous bullet.
- 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).
- The most recent monthly East Palestine newsletter was released on January 10 and can be found [here](#). The next newsletter is expected to be released around February 14. Previous editions are available on EPA's East Palestine webpage, available at <https://www.epa.gov/east-palestine-oh-train-derailment>.

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

- 176,787 tons (estimated) of solid waste shipped.
- 44,384,211 gallons (estimated) of wastewater shipped.
- Confirmation sampling work is approximately 35% complete.

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

At the derailment site:

- Increased truck traffic on East Taggart Street.
- Continue site-wide confirmation sampling.