

(EAST PALESTINE, Ohio)— The following are updates from the State of Ohio regarding remediation work at the site of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

Supplemental Emergency Response Grant

The State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, has been awarded a \$209,402 federal Supplemental Emergency Response Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to meet the immediate and ongoing behavioral health needs of the East Palestine community.

These funds will be used to minimize the long-term impact of the East Palestine train derailment and foster resilience by creating a positive environment and sense of belonging in the community and to expand and enhance Columbiana County's crisis response system to ensure adequate and effective intervention in crisis or disaster situations.

Local certified professionals remain onsite at the East Palestine Mobile Health Clinic to assist

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anyone with immediate questions or concerns. In addition, any resident can call the Ohio CareLine at 1-800-720-9616 at any time of day for free, confidential, emotional support from a trained professional.

Hazardous Waste Removal

According to the Ohio EPA, approximately 8.9 million gallons of liquid wastewater have been hauled out of East Palestine in total. There is currently a pile of approximately 23,300 tons of excavated soil waiting for removal from East Palestine, versus 10,500 tons that have been removed.

Track and Soil Removal

Test results show that all but 50 feet of sampled soil at the south rail line meet the clean standards determined by state and federal authorities. In the approved areas of the south line, the gravel bed has been rebuilt. Compaction, straightening, and leveling must occur next before the new tracks are laid.

Areas of the rail line that did not meet the clean standards will undergo more soil removal, and another round of testing will take place. Rails in the final 50 feet of the south tracks will not be reconstructed until the sampling results meet the clean standards determined by state and federal

authorities. The south track is expected to be complete in mid-April.

State of Ohio Updates:

Unless an urgent update is necessary, East Palestine train derailment remediation updates from the State of Ohio will be issued only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday moving forward.

Health Assessment Clinic

The Ohio Department of Health's Health Assessment Clinic in East Palestine, operating in partnership with the Columbiana County Health District, is operating on a walk-in basis. Residents should arrive at least an hour before closing to ensure there is enough time to be served.

Clinic hours for this week are:

Monday-Tuesday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon to 8 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The clinic is located at the First Church of Christ, 20 West Martin St.

For information, call the Columbiana County Health District at 330-424-0272.

Governor DeWine visiting with clients and staff of The Abilities Connection



On Monday, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine visited The Abilities Connection (TAC) in Springfield. TAC is a nonprofit organization that serves people with disabilities and offers safe, inclusive workplaces for their clients. The Governor's visit coincided with Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.



Also on Monday, Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted spoke at an event hosted by the Cleveland Clinic and IBM as they officially unveiled the first quantum computer in the world uniquely dedicated to healthcare research. The IBM Quantum System One installed at Cleveland Clinic is the first onsite private sector IBM-managed quantum computer in the United States.

Also on Monday, Lt. Governor Husted, who serves as director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced the results of January's round of TechCred, in which 345 employers were approved for funding, providing the opportunity for Ohioans to earn 4,237 tech-focused credentials. This most recent round marks the 18th application period of the program with manufacturing topping the list of industries applying for tech-infused credentials.

"TechCred is working to upskill and reskill Ohio's workforce, while also providing a chance for businesses to gain a competitive edge," said Lt. Governor Husted. "From an economic development standpoint, this program is helping to prepare Ohio employers and employees for the many projects and opportunities taking shape here in our state."

The current application period for businesses opened March 1, 2023, and will close March 31, 2023, at 3 p.m. Apply now at TechCred.Ohio.Gov.

Also on Monday, Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced the first major development projects that will move forward with support from Ohio's \$500 million Appalachian Community Grant Program.

The DeWine-Husted Administration, in partnership with the Ohio General Assembly, created the grant program last year to support local initiatives to revitalize downtown districts, enhance quality of life, and rebuild the economies of Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties.

A total of \$50 million in development grants will be awarded in the program's first round to launch four transformational projects impacting communities in Athens, Carroll, Columbiana,

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending March 24, 2023

Coshocton, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Mahoning, Meigs, and Perry counties.

"The projects we're announcing today are just the beginning of the long-term, impactful change that's in store for Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region," said Governor DeWine. "There is so much potential in Appalachia Ohio, and this historic \$500 million investment will help open new doors to growth, innovation, and opportunity for those living here."

"With today's announcement, new doors are opening in Appalachian Ohio, creating a new generation of opportunities," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "This funding will allow these communities to think bigger and expand the scope of their local economy, making their communities more attractive to live, work and invest."

Finally, on Monday, Governor DeWine provided updates regarding remediation work at the site of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Current work includes removal of hazardous waste material, examining results from the first responder and resident surveys, operating the health assessment clinic, and providing resources to cope with trauma.



On Tuesday, Governor DeWine delivered remarks about his education agenda to members of the Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and Buckeye Association of School Administrators during their 2023 State Legislative Conference.

Lastly, on Tuesday, Governor DeWine provided updates regarding remediation work at the site of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted issued a letter to Norfolk Southern Corporation President and CEO Alan Shaw in advance of his expected testimony Wednesday before the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

The letter, in part, reads:

"It is our expectation that you will champion all good faith efforts to improve rail safety, and we are calling on you today to work with legislators to ensure the best possible policy outcomes in these proposals."

"We also expect you will deliver for the people of East Palestine by fully supporting these legislative efforts until they are enacted." The whole letter can be found here.

Other work being done in regard to the derailment includes storm water management, hazardous waste removal, municipal water testing, operation of a health assessment clinic, and providing resources to cope with trauma.

On Wednesday, Governor DeWine testified virtually in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on improving rail safety in response to the East Palestine train derailment. He delivered his testimony from East Palestine.

At the end of his testimony, he announced that, during the week of April 10, 2023, the Ohio Department of Health in partnership with East



Liverpool City Hospital will be transitioning the East Palestine Health Assessment Clinic to a permanent location in East Palestine.

The new clinic will offer the same services as the current emergency clinic, but will also provide traditional comprehensive primary care, including treatment, prescriptions, lab testing, and consultations with specialists where appropriate. Physicians, registered nurses, and mental health specialists will be on hand to provide services. The clinic is a chance for residents to discuss health concerns and receive a health assessment. Referrals will be made if needed.



Other updates on the work being done in East Palestine included the current hours of the health assessment clinic, a meeting with Ohio Department of Health Director Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, Columbiana County Health District Commissioner Wesley Vins, and East Palestine's Schools Superintendent Chris Neifer, hazardous waste removal, results of the first responder and resident survey, private well testing, and current resources for coping with trauma.



On Thursday, Governor DeWine attended several reading events across Ohio.

First, he attended Ohio Excels' "Literacy Matters: Shaping the Future for Ohio Students," an event focused on improving the reading proficiency



cy of Ohio students.

Then, he and the First Lady visited Lockland Elementary School to observe and discuss the Science of Reading. While visiting, Governor DeWine signed an executive order to continue his administration's focus on literacy and improving reading proficiency for all children.

Governor DeWine signing Executive Order 2023-07D with First Lady Fran DeWine and Lockland Elementary School students



They wrapped up the day at Northridge Elementary School to again observe and discuss the Science of Reading with students, staff, and administrators.

Also on Thursday, Governor DeWine provided updates regarding remediation work at the site of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Work includes removal of hazardous waste, storm water management, providing fire equipment grants, examining results from a first responder and resident survey, private well testing, operation of the health assessment clinic, and providing resources for coping with trauma.



Finally, on Thursday, Governor DeWine announced the appointment of Harvey Hyman to the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division.

He started his career in law as a general practicing attorney in Paulding. Hyman was elected to serve as a delegate for the Ohio State Bar Association for the third district of Ohio. Hyman became a solicitor for the village of Paulding in May 2018. Since then, he has also served as solicitor for the villages of Melrose, Latty, Haviland, Payne, and Sherwood. In addition to his public service as a solicitor, he has his own private practice, Hyman and Hyman, Ltd.

On Friday, Governor DeWine provided updates regarding remediation work at the site of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine. Work being done at the site includes removal of hazardous waste, storm water management, examining results from a first responder and resident survey, private well testing, operation of the health assessment clinic, and providing resources for coping with trauma.

