



### East Palestine Train Derailment Information

Since February 3, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and the Ohio Department of Environmental Protection (Ohio EPA) have been on scene monitoring the train derailment situation and its aftermath in East Palestine, Ohio. The federal and state agencies are serving as the lead response to this incident, but several county departments continue to receive information and monitor any impact on the county.

These agencies have not reported any elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) or criteria pollutants from the train derailment in concentrations that would pose a threat to air quality in Allegheny County. Additionally, test results from the village's municipal well sampling show no water quality concerns with municipal water safe to consume. Ohio EPA has encouraged those residents with private water wells to have their water tested as those wells are closer to the surface. The PA DEP continues to monitor any impacts to Pennsylvania residents and is the primary agency for water quality in Allegheny County. The agency is currently conducting independent water sampling to monitor water contamination risks. Samples will be taken in Pennsylvania within a 2-mile radius of the derailment site and will occur monthly to watch for any long-term impacts.

Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) staff continue to monitor and analyze the county's air quality data and have not seen any air quality changes that can be attributed to the derailment. The county's air quality monitors **do** detect several of the pollutants like benzene and vinyl chloride. With more than 25 miles from East Palestine to the county border, any emissions are likely dispersed before reaching the county, but will still continue to be monitored.

Allegheny County Emergency Services (ACES) has also been continuously monitoring the derailment and potential impact. The ACES HazMat Coordinator has been in constant contact with the state and there are no concerns of impact to Allegheny County at this time.

Both ACHD and ACES will continue to work with state and federal partners to monitor the situation and provide relevant updates to residents as appropriate.

To get the most comprehensive information about the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio and its effects on the environment, visit: [https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=15933](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=15933)

For information from the PA DEP, visit:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthwestRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/Ohio-Train-Derailment.aspx>

To see the most up to date air quality in Allegheny County, visit:

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Programs/Air-Quality/Air-Quality.aspx>