

At the President's direction, the Environmental Protection Agency, FEMA, and CDC went door to door this weekend to personally check in on each family in East Palestine, provide flyers with additional resources, and conduct health surveys. By the end of the weekend, **the interagency teams had reached about 350 households** and are on track to exceed their target of reaching 400 families by Monday.

The door-to-door outreach is part of the Administration's ongoing response to Norfolk Southern's train derailment on February 3rd.

Within about two hours of Norfolk Southern notifying them of the derailment, the EPA and Department of Transportation sprang into action and were on the scene in East Palestine. With the state in charge and the EPA leading the Federal response, they quickly got to work holding the rail company accountable, containing the damage, and monitoring for environmental impacts. President Biden reached out to Governors DeWine and Shapiro soon after the train derailed to offer additional federal assistance, and his team has kept members of Congress and state and local leaders updated on response efforts throughout. At Governor DeWine's request and President Biden's direction, Federal teams have continued to arrive in East Palestine – investigating the cause of the derailment, making Norfolk Southern clean up its mess and reimburse families, conducting public health screenings, monitoring the air and water, and screening over 550 homes.

The Administration also continues to [call](#) on Congress to pass commonsense rail safety measures, like increasing maximum fines for safety violations and strengthening rules governing high-hazardous shipments.

On background –

Below is a timeline of the Federal Government's response. This timeline does not include all activities.

Friday, February 3

- 10:53 PM ET: Norfolk Southern reports derailment to the National Response Center

Saturday, February 4

- 1 AM ET – Multiple Federal teams start arriving at the derailment site, including:
 - Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) personnel
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 Federal On-Scene Coordinators
 - EPA Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) personnel
- 7 AM ET – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 5 reaches out to Ohio Emergency Management to discuss potential needs
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) launches investigation
- DOT provides Initial Incident Notification to members of Ohio congressional delegation and relevant committees
- EPA deploys real-time air monitoring instruments in 12 locations surrounding fire and in neighboring community.

Sunday, February 5

- White House reaches out to Governor DeWine's office to offer additional Federal assistance
- FEMA Region 5 Administrator Tom Sivak speaks with Ohio Emergency Management Executive Director about the incident.

Monday, February 6

- White House reaches out Mayor Trent Conaway and Village Manager Office by phone.
- President Biden calls Governors DeWine and Shapiro to receive update on derailment and offer additional Federal assistance.

Tuesday, February 7

- Homeland Security Advisor Liz Sherwood-Randall briefs Senator Sherrod Brown on the ongoing incident response and Federal efforts to monitor and mitigate potential risks.
- EPA deploys state-of-the-art ASPECT plane for aerial air monitoring after controlled burn to screen for potential air hazards

Thursday, February 9

- EPA briefs OH and PA members most impacted by the derailment
- Secretary Buttigieg calls Norfolk CEO Alan Shaw, discusses train derailment

Monday, February 13

- EPA briefs Senator Sen. Vance office on incident response
- EPA briefs Governor DeWine's office on incident response
- EPA briefs Governor Shapiro's office on incident response
- Secretary Buttigieg speaks with Governor Josh Shapiro (D-PA) on train derailment

Tuesday, February 14

- White House reaches out to Mayor Trent Conaway and Village Manager Office by phone.
- EPA holds congressional briefing with Committees of jurisdiction and regional members offices
- DOT PHMSA reaches out to Ohio Emergency Management Agency to offer any additional federal assistance

Wednesday, February 15

- Representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture [participate](#) in a roundtable discussion with members of the Ohio state delegation on impacts of the train derailment.
- White House reaches out to Mayor Trent Conaway and Village Manager Office by phone.
- White House offers resources and support to Columbia County Commission President Mike Halleck.
- EPA Administrator Regan speaks with Governor DeWine over the phone
- EPA and CDC brief Senate HELP Committee Majority staff
- EPA Region 5 Administrator Debra Shore visits site and attends community meeting
- EPA Regional Administrator Shore briefs Senator Capito on incident response.

Thursday, February 16

- EPA Administrator Regan visits the derailment site
- Senior White House officials speak with Governor DeWine on need for additional Federal assistance; Governor DeWine requests additional public health support
- White House announces it will deploy CDC to East Palestine in response to Governor's request

- EPA holds congressional briefing with Committees of jurisdiction and regional member offices
- Secretary Buttigieg speaks with Governor Mike DeWine

Friday, February 17

- Homeland Security Advisor Liz Sherwood-Randall briefs Senator Sherrod Brown on FEMA's imminent deployment of a Senior Response Official and Regional Incident Management Assistance Team. White House Legislative Affairs follow-up on FEMA deployment with Ohio and Pennsylvania delegations.
- Senator Brown, FEMA, and Governor DeWine announce deployment of FEMA personnel to East Palestine to assess additional needs.
- White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs [hosts](#) a briefing for municipal and legislative leaders with EPA, DOT, and NTSB.
- White House reaches out to Mayor Trent Conaway and Village Manager Office.

Saturday, February 18

- EPA holds congressional briefing with Committees of jurisdiction and regional members offices
- Secretary Buttigieg calls Norfolk Southern CEO Alan Shaw, discusses train derailment

Monday, February 20

- EPA Administrator Regan calls Governor DeWine, Governor Shapiro, and Rep. Johnson
- Secretary Buttigieg calls Senator Brown, NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy, Senator Casey, Governor Shapiro, and other state leaders. Attempts to reach Governor DeWine.
- Secretary Buttigieg sends letter to Norfolk Southern CEO on railroad industry pattern of resisting safety measures
- FEMA Region 5 Administrator Tom Sivak arrives in East Palestine to support incident operations
- FEMA Mobile Emergency Operations Vehicle arrives on scene to provide secure communications capability and expand available office space

Tuesday, February 21

- President Biden makes five calls from Warsaw to receive an update on [EPA's latest actions](#) to hold Norfolk Southern accountable and reaffirm full support of Federal government. Calls were made to:
 - EPA Administrator Michael Regan
 - Senator Sherrod Brown

- Governor Mike DeWine
 - Governor Josh Shapiro
 - Congressman Bill Johnson
- EPA Administrator Regan joins Governor DeWine, Governor Shapiro, and Mayor in East Palestine, issues administrative [order](#) requiring Norfolk Southern to cover all cleanup costs, and announces transition from “emergency response” phase to long-term remediation
- Secretary Buttigieg [calls](#) for a three-pronged push to hold the freight rail industry accountable and improve safety.
- EPA and CDC hold congressional briefing with Committees of jurisdiction and regional member offices
- EPA holds a congressional briefing for PA Delegation

Wednesday, February 22

- FRA Administrator Amit Bose and PHMSA Deputy Administrator Tristan Brown visit derailment site for inspection and update on investigation
- Secretary Buttigieg calls with Governor DeWine, Sen. Brown, Rep. Johnson, and East Palestine Mayor
- EPA, NTSB, CDC, DOT brief Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation and Environment and Public Works

Thursday, February 23

- Secretary Buttigieg visits East Palestine to meet with emergency responders, DOT investigators, and community leaders, including mayor and fire chief
- NTSB issues initial factual findings

Friday, February 24

- President Biden receives an update on the Federal government’s response to the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, OH from Transportation Secretary Buttigieg, EPA Administrator Regan, HHS Secretary Becerra, and FEMA Administrator Criswell
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