



Unity Council for the EP Train Derailment  
Community Oversight Subcommittee

**The Unity Council Presents: Community Demands**  
***Created by community members of Ohio and Pennsylvania affected by the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio***

1. ***Governor of Ohio, Mike DeWine, must immediately declare a disaster in East Palestine, Ohio, as well as seek full support of the Federal Government***
  - 1.1. Mike DeWine must finally assign an Emergency Declaration or a Major Disaster Declaration, to allow United States President Joe Biden to provide critical emergency resources to the community to ensure public health and safety for the present and the future
  
2. ***Relocation for anyone who feels unsafe in their home, coordinated by the Federal Government, and funded by Norfolk Southern***
  - 2.1. Anyone within the affected region\* may elect to relocate on a temporary basis
    - 2.1.1. Resident(s) will be given no less than 6 weeks to return home after clean-up is finished and proper testing has been completed, reviewed and understood by all parties
  - 2.2. In the case that a resident(s) home, land and/or property is still deemed unsafe by February 3, 2024, Norfolk Southern shall be responsible for reimbursing the resident(s) within (60) days
    - 2.2.1. Home, land and/or property owners would be entitled to an amount equal to or greater than fair market value\*\*, prior to February 3, 2023, and adjusted to consider inflation
    - 2.2.2. Resident(s) who rent, lease, or are/were living with family, on, prior to or after February 3, 2023, will be entitled to an amount equal to or greater than the cost of their one year lease and security deposit, adjusted to consider inflation
    - 2.2.3. Norfolk Southern shall be responsible for any and all cost(s) associated with relocation, moving, replacing contaminated belongings, etc.
  
3. ***The ability for affected resident(s) to hire independent scientists to complete air, water, soil and/or any other relevant environmental testing, funded by Norfolk Southern***
  - 3.1. Affected resident(s) may elect to hire independent scientists and/or agencies to test the air, water, soil, etc. of their home, land and/or property
  - 3.2. Access to independent testing shall begin immediately and continue for a period no shorter than 30 years
  
4. ***The ability for affected resident(s) to seek independent medical testing, monitoring and/or treatment, funded by Norfolk Southern***
  - 4.1. Affected resident(s) may elect to seek out physicians who specialize in chemical exposure and/or are knowledgeable about environmental toxins
  - 4.2. Access to independent urine, blood or any other relevant testing shall begin immediately and continue for a period no shorter than 30 years



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- 4.3. Norfolk Southern shall pay for any and all treatment, related to the train derailment, including but not limited to prescriptions, therapy, psychiatry services, alternative therapies, surgeries and more, prescribed by a licensed physician
- 4.4. Shall Norfolk Southern not own up to their responsibility for the health and wellness of affected resident(s), the Federal Government shall grant Medicaid to all affected resident(s) for life

**5. *Norfolk Southern must start to treat all affected resident(s) equally and supply resident(s) with proper filtration devices***

- 5.1. Norfolk Southern, and their representatives in the community and at the assistance center, shall continue to communicate and evaluate requests - but through a new lens that values inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility
- 5.2. Norfolk Southern shall be held accountable if resident(s) experience discrimination, harassment, unfair or unjust treatment
- 5.3. Norfolk Southern shall make an effort to ensure elderly resident(s) have access to any and all relevant updates, news, invitations and opportunities by mailing a newsletter, which includes details on how resident(s) can contact them
- 5.4. Norfolk Southern shall immediately provide affected resident(s) with air purifiers, water filtration systems, etc.

**6. *Norfolk Southern must dispose of any and all toxic waste, created by the train derailment and/or chemical release, safely and far away from the communities of affected resident(s)***

- 6.1. Norfolk Southern shall not send toxic waste to Hermitage Thermal Toxic Incinerator in nearby East Liverpool, Ohio, to avoid compounding chemical exposure to affected resident(s) whom have already been suffering

***Disclaimers***

Norfolk Southern would be required to pay all costs directly, to avoid undue financial strain and/or tax burden on resident(s)

Adhering to these demands does not protect Norfolk Southern from additional litigation filed by past, current or future affected resident(s)

\*The terms affected region(s) and/or resident(s) must be used until proper data is shared publicly. An appropriate affected radius cannot be determined without a detailed map on where the plume traveled, what water was/is affected, wind patterns, etc.

\*\*Norfolk Southern must allow independent outside counsel to determine fair market value of homes, land, property, belongings, etc.