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Joint Statement from Ohio Governor DeWine and FEMA Regional Administrator Sivak

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WASHINGTON -- Following continued discussions between the state of Ohio and FEMA regarding the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Governor Mike DeWine and FEMA Regional Administrator Thomas C. Sivak issued the following joint statement:

“FEMA and the State of Ohio have been in constant contact regarding emergency operations in East Palestine. U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA have been working together since day one. Tomorrow, FEMA will supplement federal efforts by deploying a Senior Response Official along with a Regional Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) to support ongoing operations, including incident coordination and ongoing assessments of potential long term recovery needs.”

For more information on the federal response to this incident, please visit here: [FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Deploys Additional Federal Resources to East Palestine, Ohio - The White House](#)

For more information on FEMA’s field operations and IMAT teams, please visit here: [Field Operations | FEMA.gov](#)

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