

Press Statement:

EPA Mid-Atlantic Region has worked in Unified Command with Allegheny County Emergency Management Agency, United States Coast Guard (USCG), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and Norfolk Southern. The unified command's priorities are to ensure safety of the workers and protect human health and the environment during this response.

All rail cars have been removed from the creek and all product contained in all rail cars have been removed from the Site and transported to a secure location. Current estimates are 5,300 gallons of petroleum distillate were lost during the incident, although N&S continues to assess the loss. The majority of the product was contained behind the boom which was deployed by Allegheny County within an hour of the incident.

EPA has continued to conduct air monitoring in the surrounding area to ensure public safety and no issues were identified. EPA will cease air monitoring and surface water sampling after today and N&S contractors will continue air monitoring and surface water sampling for the duration of the cleanup.

EPA contractors collected from surface water over the past few days in the vicinity of the incident to evaluate potential impacts to the river. ORSANCO reports that drinking water intakes in the Allegheny River reported a very low detections at Pittsburgh Water since Sunday and will continue to monitor the situation. ORSANCO will inform the agencies if there are any changes.

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Freeport Road will remain closed during the removal of material from tank cars and ongoing response actions. Pedestrians and non-emergency vehicles will not be permitted in the vicinity of response operations.

PA DEP has transitioned to the lead agency for the incident. This will be EPA's final update; see <https://response.epa.gov/FreeportRoadTrainDerailment>.