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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Local, state first responders confirm no hazardous materials at train derailment site in Clark County

SPRINGFIELD, OH (March 5, 2023) — Multiple state and local officials responded to a train derailment on Saturday, March 4, in Springfield Twp. in Clark County, Ohio.

The derailment occurred at approximately 4:45 p.m. near Ohio 41 and Gateway Blvd. Approximately 20 of the 212 cars derailed with four tankers identified with non-hazardous materials -- two tankers contained residual amounts of Diesel Exhaust Fluid and the other two tankers contained residual amounts of Polyacrylamide Water Solution. The Springfield Twp. Fire Department responded to the scene and immediately deployed the Clark County Hazmat team to identify the scope of the incident out of an abundance of caution.

There is no indication of any injuries or risk to public health at this time. A crew from the owner/operator of the railway Norfolk Southern, the Clark County Hazmat team and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency each independently examined the crash site and verified there was no evidence of spillage at the site.

The derailment is not in an area with a protected water source, meaning there is no risk to public water systems or private wells at this time, according to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Diesel Exhaust Fluid and Polyacrylamide Water Solution are common industrial products shipped via railroad.

A containment list was immediately provided by Norfolk Southern railroad upon arrival and local first responders also had access to the list via the ASKRAIL app.

The Ohio EPA will be in Springfield Twp. later today to oversee cleanup of the site.

Ohio 41 is expected to remain closed until further notice. A detour will be posted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The shelter-in-place issued for residents who live within 1,000 feet of the derailment earlier this evening has been lifted at this time. Ohio Edison is also working to restore power in the area at this time.

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The Springfield Twp. Fire Division, the Springfield Fire/Rescue Division, the Clark County Sheriff's Office, the Springfield Police Division, Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio EPA, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, ODOT, Ohio Edison and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency responded to the scene.

The Clark County EMA has established an Emergency Operations Center on site to coordinate the response to the incident. The site is still active at this time and security will be posted in the area.

A press conference is expected to be held tomorrow at the Clark County Fairgrounds Youth Building, 4401 South Charleston Pike in Springfield at a time to be determined.

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