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### **OSMA reaffirms its support for individuals impacted by the East Palestine train derailment**

*Continued health, financial and educational support for East Palestine, plus continued testing, discussed by OSMA physician leaders at organization's Annual Meeting held April 15-16*

Columbus, Ohio [4/20/2023] – The Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), the state's largest and oldest association representing physicians, reaffirmed its support for all individuals impacted by the East Palestine crisis – including the physicians who care for them – at the organization's Annual Meeting held April 15-16, 2023.

As an organization that advocates for the profession, patients and public health, physicians, medical residents, and medical students from across Ohio at the meeting focused on encouraging the Ohio Department of Health and federal partners to continue soil and water testing in the region to identify areas at risk for toxic exposures.

Additionally, OSMA members believe that all parties involved with the toxic chemicals spill from the East Palestine train derailment, including state and federal agencies, should provide continued health, financial and educational support to individuals exposed to the toxic chemicals associated with the disaster.

To learn more about OSMA, visit [www.osma.org](http://www.osma.org).

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*"The Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) is dedicated to empowering physicians, residents and medical students to advocate on behalf of their patients and profession." The OSMA is the largest and oldest statewide physician-led association in Ohio. We are affiliated nationally with the American Medical Association and locally with county medical societies. Visit us at [www.osma.org](http://www.osma.org).*