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## **UPDATE: Governor Wolf Arrives in Bedford County; Agencies Provide Further Information on Derailment**

*Residents Within One Mile of Bedford County Train Derailment Evacuated; No Injuries or Fatalities Reported*

**UPDATE:** Governor Tom Wolf is on scene at the command post in Hyndman, Bedford County to meet first responders and area residents affected by the derailment, fire and evacuation. “Federal, state and local officials are working diligently to ensure that residents in the affected area are evacuated to safety and planning for possible additional impacts to the area,” Governor Wolf said. “These first responders deserve all of our thanks for their swift work to respond to this ongoing incident.”

The Pennsylvania State Incident Management Team is heading to Cumberland, Maryland, which will serve as their base of operations to support regional, county and local response personnel.

PEMA issued a Wireless Emergency Alert message to residents in Hyndman Borough. The message instructed residents to leave their homes and report to the Hyndman Ministry Church for assistance.

Members of the public who have questions about this incident or where they can go for help can call the CSX Incident Response Line at 1-800-331-4031. The American Red Cross has activated their [Safe and Well website](#), which enables people affected by a disaster to enter information regarding their welfare so family and friends can check their status.

**According to CSX, the derailed train consisted of five locomotives and 178 rail cars. 128 of those cars were carrying mixed freight, and 50 were empty. At least 32 cars derailed; at least one car containing liquified petroleum and at least one car containing molten sulphur have leaded and are on fire.**

**Harrisburg, PA** – Governor Tom Wolf, on behalf of Commonwealth agencies, provided the following update on train derailment and fire in Hyndman Borough, Bedford County on Wednesday that has led to the evacuation of residents in a one-mile radius of the site of the accident.

“The commonwealth is coordinating a comprehensive response with local and federal agencies and I urge local residents to follow evacuation directions and all warnings from first responders,” Governor Wolf said.

Residents in the area who need information regarding lodging or other assistance should report to a reception center located at the Hyndman Ministry Church, 152 Hyndman Rd., Hyndman, PA 15545. They will be given further directions at the reception center.

Residents are not required to report to the reception center; evacuees are free to travel to the destination of their choice but are advised to follow the guidance of local emergency personnel and heed road closures in the area. Motorists should be aware that there are [a number of roads closed in the area](#), including State Route 96.

A temporary flight restriction has been instituted at a radius of 3 miles to an elevation of 3,000

feet around the area. The temporary flight restrictions are in place in order to prevent possible mid-air collisions that may be caused by unnecessary flights, and to give priority to aircraft on official missions.

Personnel from multiple state agencies are on-scene with local emergency managers to coordinate whatever assistance is needed from the commonwealth. The Department of Health will be conducting air and ground studies to determine any possible health effects. The Department of Environmental Protection is working closely with CSX to monitor the status of the derailed cars to monitor potential environmental impacts due to the incident. At this time, no public water supplies or waterways are affected.

The Commonwealth Response Coordination Center at PEMA headquarters outside Harrisburg is activated with specially trained personnel from the departments of Human Services, Health, Environmental Protection, Drug and Alcohol Programs, Fish and Boat Commission, PA State Police, Public Utility Commission, Transportation, PA Turnpike, Military and Veterans Affairs, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross.

Residents are reminded to monitor local media and follow the guidance of local emergency response personnel.

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