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**Subject:** Re: FDEP Update

Hello everyone,

I wanted to share the latest update with you:

Cleanup operations at the CSX site in Dunnellon are now complete for all railroad ties and soil impacted by last month's fire.

Confirmatory soil sampling verified that all impacted material was successfully removed, with results below the protective levels established in state regulations for both direct exposure and leachability. DEP also reviewed results from multiple rounds of surface water sampling from nearby water bodies, as well as soil samples from residential properties where access was granted. All results were below applicable cleanup target levels, confirming that no fire-related impacts were found outside the cleanup area.

Backfilling of the excavated areas with clean soil finished last week, marking the final step in active restoration operations at the site.

In addition, more than 40,000 railroad ties that were not impacted by the fire have been removed as part of the response.

DEP will continue monitoring the removal of remaining unburned ties and appreciates the cooperation of partner agencies and residents throughout this effort.

Thanks,

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