

1. **February 17, 2023:** East Palestine OH resident Courtney Miller (Fish) reaches out to me on Twitter (now X) asking for my help with testing with original message here: [Message from Courtney Miller \(Fish\) on 2-17-2023](#)
2. **February 22 – March 8, 2023:** Scott Smith arrives in East Palestine OH for the first time at the home of Courtney Miller to test the water at Sulphur Run Creek behind her house. Scott is met with attempted intimidation from Norfolk Southern/Norfolk Southern contractor with video link here: [Norfolk Southern Contractor \(Arcadis and/or CTEH\) Confronts Scott Sulphur Run East Palestine 2-22-23](#) and this video shows an interview with Scott Smith testing the water in the creek behind Courtney Miller's home: [Daily Mail Scott Smith Interview on East Palestine Ohio 3-8-23](#)
3. **March 13, 2023:** Scott Smith releases his initial testing from Courtney Miller's home/Sulphur Run Creek with link here: [EXCLUSIVE: The TRUTH about East Palestine train disaster five weeks on: Cleanup efforts bring new troubles as residents are ill with sore throats, rashes and nosebleeds, the air is thick with stench of chemicals and toxins are leaching into water and soil](#)
4. **March 17, 2023:** Will Cain of Fox News Interviews Scott Smith live, from Courtney Miller's home, on National News where he discusses his first testing results for dioxins and refers to dioxins as "the fentanyl of chemicals" which appears to put the EPA and Norfolk Southern in orbit. Remember, Scott Smith was still talking to Mark Durno/EPA at the time and he called Scott asking him to stop talking about dioxins. Link to interview is here: [Scott Smith Interview about East Palestine OH on Fox News with Will Cain 3-17-23](#)
5. **March 20, 2023 (with 72 hours of Will Cain Fox News Interview):** A Barbara McCree (with EPA e-mail address and title of "Multi Media Communications") writes an e-mail to a Gloria Closing looking for Scott Smith's personal information with link here: [Barbara McCree E-mail EPA FOIA 3-20-2023](#)
6. **March 21, 2023:** A Rachel Linduska from EPA (with title Media Relations) writes an e-mail to a long list of EPA people tracking Scott Smith's whereabouts as he moved on the ground in East Palestine, OH with link here: [EPA Monitors Scott Smith in East Palestine E-mail EPA FOIA](#)
7. **May 2, 2023:** [First NewsNation story airs with Rich McHugh interviewing Scott Smith about his testing and Dioxins.](#)

8. **May 5, 2023:** East Palestine, OH resident Krissy Hylton reaches out to Scott Smith for testing with link here: [Message from Krissy Hylton on 5-5-2024](#).
9. **May 17, 2023:** [NewsNation: Expert expanding testing of air filters in East Palestine with Elizabeth Vargas 5-17-23](#).
10. **July 19, 2023:** [East Palestine Dioxins Thousands of Times Higher than Control - Scientist: Elizabeth Vargas 7-19-23](#).
11. **July 19, 2023:** [New Soil Testing Raises More Concerns in East Palestine CUOMO 7-19-23](#)
12. **July 20, 2023:** Scott Smith meets with Mark Durno/EPA at 2:00 PM Eastern at EPA command center in East Palestine OH. Mark Durno introduces Scott Smith to a surprise guest “from the EPA in DC at the White House”. This surprise EPA person is Christina Motilall from Washington DC EPA with title of Communications Director/Senior Public Affairs Specialist at US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and from her LinkedIn profile part of her role is as follows: “Co-chair of the Public Participation Committee for the Federal Environmental Justice Interagency Council (EJ IAC), collaborating on meaningful public engagement with the White House’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).”
13. **July 21, 2023:** [Tester Meets with EPA to Discuss Alarming Results in East Palestine NewsNation Live 7- 21-23](#)
14. **July 21, 2023:** Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) e-mails details Mark Durno/EPA and Christina Motilall/EPA communicating with media to undermine Scott Smith with link here: [Motilall-Scott-Elverd Email Chain](#). It is important to note that this FOIA e-mail is heavily redacted and Christina Motilall/EPA now brings in EPA Region 7 Press Officer Kellen Ashford. Here is a second e-mail obtained by FOIA with link here: [EPA Response to Smith Redacted](#).
15. **July 25, 2023:** Scott Smith receives the first communication and outreach e-mail from Lesley Pacey, Senior Environmental Officer, of Government Accountability Project, profile linked [here](#), with link to e-mail here: [First Email from Lesley Pacey to Scott Smith](#).

16. **July 26, 2023:** Mark Durno/EPA and Christina Motilall/EPA and Scott Smith covered and quoted in this news article: [Records show EPA official raised concerns about dioxin testing delay in East Palestine](#). Durno and Motilall attempting to undermine Smith's testing and mischaracterize it. Smith responds below in e-mail to Norfolk Southern and EPA on July 27, 2023.
17. **July 27, 2023:** East Palestine, OH business owners and residents, Bob and Marilyn Figley forward e-mail to Scott Smith whereby Norfolk Southern and EPA back out of a meeting with Scott Smith to mutually share detailed testing reports in reciprocity. Norfolk Southern and EPA are not willing to share their detailed testing reports in reciprocity.
18. **July 27, 2023:** Scott Smith responds in detail in an important e-mail chain to EPA and Norfolk Southern. To this day (as of August 6, 2025), neither the EPA nor Norfolk Southern has responded to this e-mail. This e-mail from Scott Smith addresses and answers all media spin propagated by Durno and Motilall Link to entire e-mail is here: [Scott Smith E-mail to EPA and Norfolk Southern](#).
19. **August 1, 2023:** Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) shows EPA Region 7 Public Affairs Director, Benjamin Washburn orchestrating across the EPA the undermining narrative to be sent to all media about Scott Smith's testing with link here: [EPA Region 7 Media on Scott Smith](#). The EPA orchestrated this false and deceptive narrative about Scott Smith's testing despite having confirmation in the FOIA of receipt of Scott Smith's July 27, 2023 e-mail with link here: [Scott Smith E-mail on Testing Methods](#).
20. **August 2, 2023:** [WKBN 27 Independent Tests Show Major Rise in Dioxin Levels in East Palestine 8-3-23](#).
21. **August 23, 2023:** East Palestine, OH resident, Courtney Miller, forwards an e-mail she received from EPA Public Information Officer, Karen Chen to Scott Smith. This e-mail from Karen Chen/EPA is the exact template as sent around by EPA Region 7 Public Affairs Director, Benjamin Washburn, within EPA to send out to the public including the media about Scott Smith's testing. Here is link to the e-mail Scott Smith sent to Karen Chen/EPA with a complete copy of Scott Smith July 27, 2023 e-mail to Mark Durno/EPA/ Norfolk Southern: [Scott Smith's Response to EPA's Karen Chen](#), with Karen Chen then distributing Scott Smith's e-mail within the EPA saying resident forwarded to Scott with link here: [Distributed Email from Scott Smith](#).

22. **September 21, 2023:** Scott Smith officially becomes a whistleblower client of the Government Accountability Project with press release link here: [Government Accountability Project launches investigation into East Palestine disaster response, files FOIA lawsuit against EPA, provides citizen whistleblower protection for independent scientist Scott Smith.](#)
23. **September 22, 2023:** Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) shows EPA Region 5 Director of Public Affairs, Jeff Kelley, forwarding the Government Accountability Project press release about Scott Smith with link here: [Circulated Press Release from Government Accountability Project,](#) and Jeff Kelley follows up referring to the Government Accountability Project and representation of Scott Smith as “*some kind DC nonprofit branching out to represents fake scientists*” – note this is the same narrative that the East Palestine, OH and Conyers, GA class action attorneys and their PR firm will use later on (same class action attorneys and same Public Relations firm for class action attorneys is in Conyers, GA). Here is link to Jeff Kelley “fake scientist” e-mail: [Email Calling Scott Smith a “fake scientist.](#)
24. **September 26, 2023:** Scott Smith participates in an East Palestine CUOMO / News Nation Town Hall with Rich McHugh and specifically talked hist testing and mixtures of chemicals like Dioxins, PAH’s and others here: [Testing Shows Toxic Chemicals in East Palestine Resident’s Home CUOMO Town Hall 9-26-23.](#)
25. **September 28, 2023:** Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) shows how EPA is surveilling and monitoring East Palestine OH residents and Scott Smith’s Facebook posts and other social media (note this is extensive and is just one example). Here is a link to the EPA distributing the Facebook surveillance information from the CUOMO NewsNation Town Hall: [EPA Shares Post from East Palestine Resident.](#)
26. **October 18, 2023:** Scott Smith gives a presentation about his East Palestine testing and more at the invitation of East Palestine Justice with full presentation here: [Scott Smith East Palestine Justice Presentation 10-18-23.](#)
27. **October 19, 2023:** When Scott Smith arrives home in Massachusetts he was served with a subpoena in his driveway, from Norfolk Southern, signed by ex-EPA attorney

Davina Pujari, who now works for Norfolk Southern with link to subpoena here: [Signed Subpoena for Scott Smith](#).

28. **November 13, 2023:** Scott Smith responds to Norfolk Southern Subpoena via Government Accountability Project's legal team through Scott Smith's personal attorney with link here: [Scott Smith Response to Norfolk Southern Subpoena](#).
29. **November 14, 2023:** Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) shows how EPA is surveilling and monitoring East Palestine OH residents and Scott Smith's Facebook posts and other social media even shows the EPA surveilling Scott Smith's posts that include his dog, Oliver, and pictures of Oliver with link here: [EPA Monitors Scott Smith Facebook and Shares Picture of Oliver](#).
30. **November 15, 2023:** Scott Smith presents a poster with his scientific team about East Palestine OH testing at the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Conference ("SETAC") with link to poster presentation here: [A Case Study Based on the East Palestine, Ohio Train Derailment](#).
31. **November 16, 2023:** Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) shows how EPA is surveilling and monitoring East Palestine OH residents and Scott Smith's Facebook posts and other social media, including social media surveillance of Scott Smith's and residents' Facebook posts about the SETAC conference with internal EPA dialogue with link here: [EPA Sharing Scott Smith Presenting at Conference](#).
32. **January 18, 2023:** Adam Gomez (class action attorney and partner of Elizabeth Graham of Grant & Eisenhoffer and same class action firm involved in Conyers, GA along with their same PR firm) picks up after Norfolk Southern's attempt to subpoena Scott Smith failed. Scott Smith responds to Adam Gomez/Class Action Attorneys as memorialized with all the details in this link here: [Scott Smith Responds to Plaintiffs Attorneys](#).
33. **February 1, 2024:** Scott Smith obtained approximately 2,000 pages of testing documents and lab reports showing that Norfolk Southern was testing for Dioxins, Metals, Diesel Range Organics, Volatile Chemicals, and Semi Volatile Chemicals in soil, sewer, and water (Baseline Fingerprint for the Mixtures of Chemicals). It appears that these 2,000 pages of testing documents are buried on EPA website and have never been openly disclosed and/or discussed at any of EPA meetings and/or presentations with

link to Government Accountability press release here: [Over 1,500 Pages of East Palestine Dioxin-Related Testing Found Buried on EPA Website.](#)

34. February 2, 2024: Scott Smith is invited to a public Twitter (now X) spaces to speak about his testing and experience in East Palestine, OH. It is on this X spaces, Scott Smith meets Stephen Petty for the first time ever and learns that Stephen Petty is the East Palestine OH class action attorney's testifying expert witness and also performed similar testing as Scott Smith in February through March of 2023. The class action attorneys would ultimately settle with Norfolk Southern for around \$200 million in legal fees in April of 2023 with link here: [Amid some backlash, lawyers defend \\$600 million settlement with Norfolk Southern](#). This context will become important later as Stephen Petty was silenced and his testing and reports were never given to the class action attorney clients. Stephen Petty will then become a Government Accountability Project Whistleblower in September of 2023 and sign a sworn declaration in support of Scott Smith along with discussing other East Palestine, OH background.
35. **February 3, 2024 (anniversary of the East Palestine train derailment):** Independent film maker, director, and producer, Hank Bagwell, releases and screens "The Guy in the Blue Shirt" in the Columbiana theatre with link here: ["The Guy in the Blue Shirt" Documentary.](#)
36. **February 3, 2024:** After the showing of Hank Bagwell's documentary, Scott Smith gives a presentation with an update on his testing results and more for the East Palestine OH community: [Scott Smith Presentation: East Palestine OH Updated Testing Results 2-3-24.](#)
37. **February 23, 2024:** Robert F. Kennedy Jr. watches Hank Bagwell's "The Guy in the Blue Shirt" and reaches out to Scott Smith to schedule a briefing, testing, and meeting with affected residents in East Palestine, OH and surrounding areas like Darlington, PA.
38. February 27, 2024: Scott Smith sits down with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and discusses the captured and corrupted EPA along with a briefing on Scott's testing for East Palestine, OH, other problems like a complicit media propagating false narratives from EPA and Norfolk Southern, and visits a resident with serious health issues in Darlington, PA with video links here as follows:
- a. [Scott Smith with RFK Jr in East Palestine OH 2-27-24](#) ,

- b. [PART 1: EPA A Captured Agency - Scott Smith - RFK Jr. Meeting about Truth in East Palestine, OH](#) ,
- c. [Scott Smith with Robert F Kennedy Jr on the Media Coverage in East Palestine OH](#) , and
- d. [RFK Jr. Scott Smith visit with East Palestine OH Victims Lori and Wayne O'Connell 2-27-24.](#)

39. **May 15, 2024:** Robert F. Kennedy Jr. calls me on my cell phone and sends me text messages about setting up a zoom call to discuss East Palestine OH with me and attorney Mike Morgan of Morgan & Morgan. The zoom call is scheduled for and occurs on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

40. **May 24, 2024:** Robert F. Kennedy Jr. sends me an e-mail in response to my e-mail (with Mike Morgan copied on the e-mail chain) with link to entire e-mail chain here: [RFK Jr. E-Mail to Scott Smith and Follow Up](#), and states as follows,

***“Thank you, Scott. I’m so glad we had that discussion yesterday. You’ve been an extraordinary advocate for some of them, all powerless people in our country. Your experience in the encyclopedic range of your knowledge is a breath of fresh air. I hope you will continue to advise us and to speak out for the community of East Palestine.”***

***Robert F. Kennedy Jr.***

41. **June 13, 2024:** The Associated Press publishes a story about my garden garlic crop testing in East Palestine, OH with link here: [Toxic garlic should have prompted EPA to warn against gardening near Ohio derailment, watchdog says](#). EPA attempts to smear me and bury the story seem to fail as I release a Mark Durno/EPA endorsement video of my qualifications from side by side testing with Mark Durno/EPA in Flint when we got the same testing results and the AP releases this video and puts link in story here: [EPA's Mark Durno Interview on Working with Scott Smith and Environmental Testing](#).

42. **June 26, 2024:** It is now post settlement agreement for the class action attorneys who are to receive around \$200 million in legal fees ( but the class action attorneys need to hit an undisclosed percentage threshold of clients to accept the settlement to get Norfolk Southern to execute and send the money) and now the class action attorneys have hired Stephanie Wolf/Rebuttal PR to promote what appears to be the “nothing to



see here,” “no long term health affects” narrative of EPA and Norfolk Southern. Text messages and/or e-mails go out from Stephanie Wolf to media that appears to be smearing and/or defaming anyone like Scott Smith that does not agree with the “nothing to see here”, “no long-term health affects” narrative with link here to Stephanie Wolf’s messages to the media: [Stephanie Wolf Email to Media](#).

43. **September 21, 2024:** Former class action expert, Stephen Petty, becomes a Government Accountability Project whistleblower and signs this sworn declaration (also in support of my East Palestine, OH testing) with link here: [Stephen Petty Sworn Declaration](#).
44. September 23, 2024: Scott Smith, as a whistleblower client of Government Accountability Project, executes a sworn declaration with link here: [Scott Smith Sworn Declaration](#).
45. September 26, 2024: Scott Smith and Stephen Petty are interviewed together on Fox Business News with link here: [The EPA has ‘altered data’ to fit the narrative: Scott Smith](#).
46. September 30, 2024: Government Accountability Project issues the following press release with link here: [Whistleblower Vindicated by New Expert Witness](#).
47. October 3, 2024: Scott Smith puts out a Post on X about going, at the request of residents, to test for chemicals for affected residents in and around Conyers, GA from the BioLab fire with link to post on X here: <https://x.com/WaterWarriorOne/status/1841891317959242233>
48. October 4, 2024: Recently obtained FOIA (2025 by Lesley Pacey/Government Accountability Project) shows how Mark Durno/EPA continues surveilling and monitoring Scott Smith’s social media and goes into action to undermine Scott Smith while Scott Smith is on an airplane and before Scott Smith even hits the ground in Conyers, GA with e-mails from FOIA with a link to Scott Smith’s post on X along with setting up a discussion with EPA Region 4 with link here: [Durno BioLab Response](#).
49. October 4, 2024: First news story about Scott Smith testing in Conyers, GA with link here: [Debris, Soil Tested Near BioLab Plant in Rockdale County 10-4-24](#).



50. October 7, 2024: Second news story about Scott Smith testing in Conyers, GA with link here: [EPA Whistleblower on BioLab Debris Testing "You Can't Find What You Don't Look For" 10-7-24.](#)
51. October 11, 2024: Scott Smith receives notice that he has won the award for Blueprint Impact Award for Positive Social Change with link here: [Scott Smith to be Awarded Blueprint Impact Award.](#)
52. **November 2024:** Rebuttal PR strikes again for the same class action attorneys from East Palestine OH in a smear and defamation campaign against Scott Smith in attempt to prevent media coverage of Scott Smith's testing in Conyers, GA.
53. **December 5, 2024:** Government Accountability Project issues a press release for Scott Smith winning the Blueprint Impact Award for Positive Social Change with link here: [Client Scott Smith to Win International Whistleblower Award.](#)
54. December 5, 2024: Interview of Scott Smith receiving award and talking about what he has faced in East Palestine OH with link here: [Scott Smith Blueprint Award for Positive Social Change 12-5-24.](#)