



## Styrene Chemical Leak Fact Sheet

**Time of last update: September 25, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

**SITUATION:** On September 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM, the evacuation order for Whitewater Township and the Village of Cleves has been **LIFTED**. Residents are now permitted to return home. All roads are open. Use caution & follow road signs. Tune into local media and check [hcready.org](http://hcready.org) for more information.

**WHERE:** On the railyard near the intersection of US-50, OH-128, and Valley Junction Road (Near Kroger at 4001 Hamilton Cleves Road).

**RESOURCE CENTER:** The Whitewater Township Community Center will be open on Thursday, September 26 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM with a Central Railroad of Indiana representative on scene to answer questions regarding claims.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**What actions do I need to take when I return home?:** These recommendations are offered out of an abundance of caution: Residents can wash their clothing and bedding left out. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has advised that residents to throw out produce or any uncontained food that may have been exposed to vapors, including pet food. Surfaces in your home should be wiped down. The Ohio Department of Agriculture also recommends that, out of an abundance of caution, residents change HVAC filtration.

**Is the air safe?:** The US EPA is conducting air monitoring. We have received a preliminary report for the results from air monitoring tests conducted on Tuesday, September 24 until 6:00 AM on Wednesday, September 25. The results can be viewed at [www.hcready.org](http://www.hcready.org). There are no results that indicate Styrene would be present in the air beyond the half-mile radius. Additional results will be shared as they become available from the EPA.

**Is the water safe?:** The Village of Cleves Water Work is a closed system and not experiencing any issues related to the chemical leak. Private water systems and wells have been checked by Hamilton County Public Health and have been deemed safe. Any individuals who private water systems would like their water tested can reach out to Hamilton County Public Health at **513-946-7966**.

**Who can I contact for more information?:** Whitewater Fire Department will be on scene to assist individuals returning home. Individuals can also call 2-1-1 for information regarding the actions they can take when returning home. Central Railroad of Indiana representatives will be available on scene at the Whitewater Township Community Center to answer questions. People can also contact a Central Railroad of Indiana representative for questions about claims by calling **1-800-757-7387**.

**What should I do if I feel like I have been exposed?:** Please reach out to your medical provider if you feel like you have been exposed.