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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Toxic Health Concerns

TONY DOKOUPIL: Local residents question the response to a toxic derailment in eastern Ohio as the governor threatens the train company.

GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE (R-OH): They will pay for everything. If they don't, we've got an attorney general.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Train Derailment Health Concerns; Locals Get Sick Despite Being Told It's Safe to Go Home]

GAYLE KING: Now to the aftermath of that train derailment in Ohio where local residents are very reluctant to accept official advice that it's safe to return home. It's been 12 days since the accident in East Palestine, since this — sent, rather, this toxic plume of smoke into the air. Now people are complaining about health issues, and there are urgent questions about how their concerns were handled. Lilia Luciano has the story.

DEWINE: I would be alert and concerned, but I think I would probably be back in my house.

LILIA LUCIANO: That was Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's answer when he was asked whether he would move back home if he lived in East Palestine, Ohio. Though he did offer caveats.

DEWINE: I think that I would be drinking the bottled water.

LUCIANO: There have been numerous reports in recent days of respiratory issues, burning eyes, and dead wildlife, including at least 3,500 confirmed dead fish killed by contamination.

OHIO DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR MARY MERTZ: We don't have any evidence of non-aquatic species suffering from the derailment.

LUCIANO: Five of the train cars were carrying vinyl chloride, a highly combustible chemical linked to a higher risk of some kinds of cancers. Crews conducted a controlled release of the carcinogen to reduce the risk of an explosion.

UNIDENTIFIED HEALTH EXPERT: When you have combustion or burning, you create all

sorts of different byproducts. It's important to understand to cast a wide net when you're testing because you want to rule out chemicals that could pose an acute health risk or linger around.

LUCIANO: The governor and other officials lifted the town's evacuation order a week ago after health officials said air quality was back to acceptable levels, and the city's main water supply, they said, was safe. Two days after the evacuation order was lifted, the EPA said three additional hazardous chemicals were found on the derailed train cars.

DEWINE: This train apparently was not considered a high-hazardous material train.

LUCIANO: Yesterday, Governor DeWine revealed that since only 20 of the 150 cars contained hazardous materials. The company, citing federal law, was not required to notify the state of Ohio that the train had toxic chemicals on board.

DEWINE: Frankly, if this is true and I'm told it's true, this is absurd.

LUCIANO: For *CBS Mornings*, I'm Lilia Luciano.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Health Concerns]

DOKOUPIL: Big questions in Ohio where a toxic train crash is leading to health complaints.

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