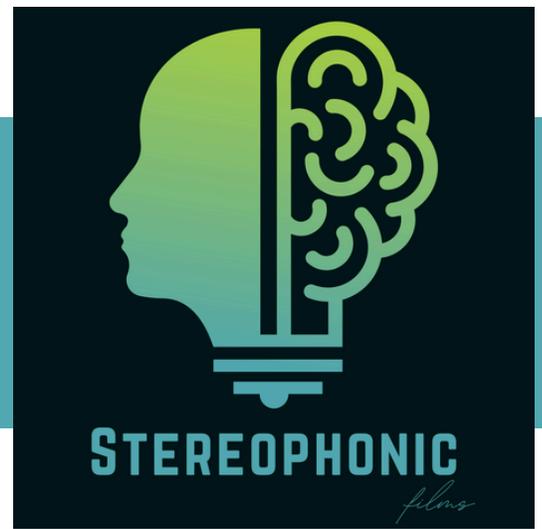


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# DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECT PROPSAL:

## DESCRIPTION

**Stereophonic Films will produce an honest, powerful, and compassionate documentary on the February 2023 Norfolk Southern train derailment and the deep, lasting scars it has left on the community.**

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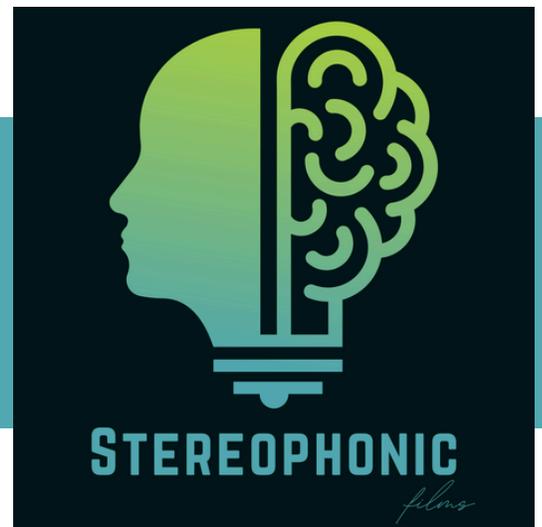
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## WORKING TITLE:

Toxic Truth: East Palestine, OH

## SYNOPSIS:

When a Norfolk Southern freight train carrying hazardous chemicals derails in the quiet town of East Palestine, Ohio in February 2023, a toxic cloud rises — and so do urgent questions. Was this a freak accident or the result of systemic corporate negligence and regulatory neglect?

Toxic Truth is an investigative documentary that explores the truths behind one of America's most alarming recent ecological disasters. Through exclusive access to whistleblowers, residents, railroad workers and environmental experts, the film chronicles the aftermath of a vinyl chloride vent and burn as families are displaced, pets and wildlife die and ordinary citizens face unexplained rashes, cancers, and poisoned water — while government agencies and Norfolk Southern scramble to control the narrative.

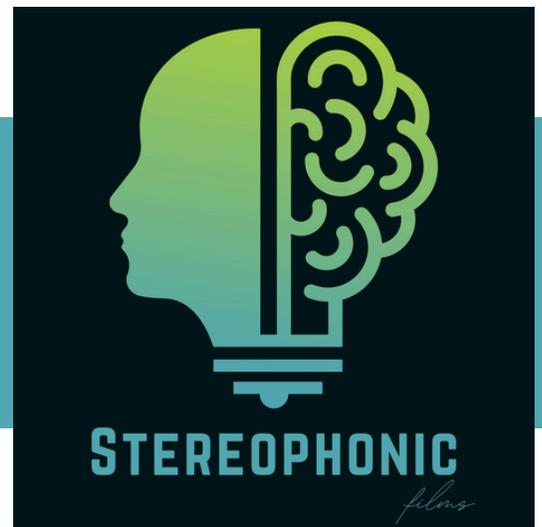
Blending intimate human-interest storytelling with sharp analysis, the documentary unravels a decades-long pattern of cost-cutting, deregulation, and political lobbying that set the stage for this catastrophe. As East Palestine becomes a case study in environmental injustice and the erosion of public trust, Toxic Truth asks a haunting question: If this could happen in small-town America... where will it happen next?

Visually immersive, emotionally powerful, and deeply timely — this film is positioned to spark national dialogue, hold power to account, and deliver a high-impact story for audiences and investors seeking both urgency and longevity in the environmental investigative space.

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## OBJECTIVES

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### Part A: Produce Sizzle Reel

The sizzle reel will quickly and concisely communicate what the film is about and function as a primary fundraising tool.

Deliverables to include:

- Sizzle reel (approximately 2-4 minutes long)
- Pitch deck - PDF document describing the film and how it will be made

### Part B: Produce a feature length Documentary

Deliverables to include:

- Fully produced and edited Documentary film
- Short trailer for marketing

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## OUR TEAM

Nathan Meckel - Award winning video Director / Producer / Writer

Sean Kelly - Editor / Cinematographer

Mark Niemiec - Editor / Videographer / Grammy nominated Mix Engineer

Based in Nashville TN, our work has appeared on CMT, Dateline, GMA, Rolling Stone online, Ditty TV, Circle, PBS and elsewhere.



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