

Good Friday afternoon everyone -

Here is the news for Region 3 (and beyond) for this week. *PLEASE NOTE: None of this is verified or fact checked. If you have a problem with any of this information, please reply to the whole group and state your reasoning; hopefully prompting an entertaining discussion. If you have better or more accurate information, please let me know and I will update the group.*

Also, PLEASE let me know if there is other information to be passed to the group – this includes meetings, workshops, training opportunities etc. Feel free to share this email with others.

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Debbie

## Region 3 News

### [Runoff or oil sheen spotted in Potomac River, with no immediate cause found](#)

Washington Post

An oily **spill** or runoff of unknown size shimmered along the Virginia side of the Potomac River on Thursday as at least six government agencies ...

### [Coast Guard: Fuel oil was substance that spilled in Potomac](#)

Richmond.com

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - Authorities say initial tests show that fuel **oil** is what **spilled** into the Potomac River near Reagan National Airport last week.

### [DE's Tri-State Bird Rescue Decontaminates Geese After Potomac Oil Spill](#)

Delaware 105.9

Nearly two dozen birds are being cleaned at the Tri-State Bird Rescue outside Newark after an **oil spill** in the Potomac River late last week. Workers at ...

**Extreme cold is on the way. Prepare for frigid temps.** Here's our latest briefing package [weather.gov/media/phi/curr...](http://weather.gov/media/phi/curr...)

### **Ocean City Emergency Beach Replenishment Underway**

By Tashawna Gaines, [WBOC](#) OCEAN CITY, Md.- Emergency beach repairs were underway Tuesday as Ocean City began to recover from January's winter storm. A partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and town allowed for the emergency repairs to begin.

### **Registration Website Now Open For Democratic National Convention Volunteers**

By Ian Bush, [CBS Philly](#)

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — The registration website is now open for business for those who want to volunteer when the Democratic National Convention comes to Philadelphia this summer. “Volunteers do not have to align with the Democratic party,” said volunteer director Hannah Tran. Partly because the host committee is non-profit and non-partisan, but also because such a large-scale, complex event like the nominating convention requires good

ambassadors of the area, says Tran. “We’ll need 10,000 volunteers to help the city shine as much as possible,” said Tran.

So far, more than 3,700 people have registered accounts, noting their skills and the roles in which they’d like to serve. “We have opportunities for folks who are looking for more behind the scenes operational work, so you could help man our call center and respond to some web-based inquiries, or help us set up with some of our events,” said Tran. They’re reaching out to those with specialized expertise, such as in the area of Information Technology.

Tran says there are also greeter positions available at the airport, 30th Street, and at host committee parties. “It’s a great opportunity to be a part of a historic political process in a very historic city,” said Tran.

## News for U.S. and Canada

### **Obama to propose \$10-a-barrel oil tax to fund rail and highway projects.**

Jeff Zients, the director of the White House National Economic Council, said the fee would apply to imported crude and petroleum products but not to U.S. petroleum exports. (Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

By [Steven Mufson](#) February 4 at 4:14 PM

President Obama is proposing a \$10-a-barrel oil tax, phased in over five years, to pay for a variety of transportation initiatives, including new rail corridors, highway projects, pilot projects for self-driving cars and other technologies it said fall under the goal of a “clean transportation” system.

### [Fish deformities spike after Lac-Mégantic oil spill, report says](#)

Toronto Star

MONTREAL—Scientists have recorded an “unprecedented” spike in the fish deformities in the wake of the deadly 2013 train derailment and **oil spill** in ...

### [Obama requests more money for US regulators in new budget](#)

Offshore Oil and Gas Magazine

The FY 2017 proposal includes \$14.9 million for **oil spill** research, equal to the 2016 request level, to address key knowledge and technology gaps, ...

### [Washington crude oil rules spill over to vegetable oil](#)

*Capital Press* – 2/2/16

A new state law rooted in the crude oil boom and fears of fiery train derailments will create more regulations for hauling vegetable oils and animal grease, unless legislators intervene and amend a bill they passed last year.

Good resource for **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill FAQs, Links and Resources**. Available from:

[http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol2/a/EVOS\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol2/a/EVOS_FAQs.pdf)

## International News

### [Supreme Court finds master, owner and insurer liable for oil spill](#)

International Law Office (registration)

On November 13 2002 the tanker Prestige began listing and leaking **oil**. Its master and salvors asked the Spanish authorities to grant the vessel refuge ...

## Featured Topic: Oil by Rail

## Other News

We are beginning to use **ESRI Story Map** to publish our situation report. The **Zika SitRep** is available at: <http://ow.ly/Y30I5>. The traditional situation report has also been uploaded to our website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/emergencymanagersweeklyreport/home>

### **Brazil confirms blood-transfusion Zika; PAHO calls for global support**

[Lisa Schnirring](#) | [News Editor](#) | [CIDRAP News](#) / Feb 04, 2016

Brazilian health officials today confirmed the first known cases of Zika infection from blood transfusions, a day after the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) put out a call for more international help in battling the outbreak.

## Deepwater Horizon Updates

### [Diving In: Marine Scientist Takes On Pollution, Policy, and Public Health](#)

Patch.com

Susan Shaw will explain the far-reaching effects of the Gulf of Mexico oil slick after the **Deepwater Horizon** oil rig explosion in 2010.