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Response underway for nearly 2 dozen Canada geese affected by mystery spill

Newark, DE. – On February 4, 2016, Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research’s Oil Spill Response Team was activated by the US Coast Guard to respond to oiled wildlife affected by an oily sheen on the Virginia side of the Potomac River. Two team members arrived on scene Thursday night and began retrieval activities on Friday morning. They remain on scene and are continuing retrieval efforts.

With the help of City Wildlife, oiled birds were transported to Tri-State’s Wildlife Response Annex in Newark, DE. The Annex, completed in 2015, was specifically designed to treat and safely house large numbers of animals affected by oil or other incidents. On admission, the geese were stabilized with oral and subcutaneous fluids. The majority of the patients have been decontaminated as of Monday afternoon. The prognosis for the geese is good. “Thanks to our agency partners, we were activated for the incident quickly. Because of this fast response, these geese have a very good chance at returning to a healthy, normal life in the wild.” says Lisa Smith, Executive Director. It is expected that many of the cleaned birds will be moved to outdoor enclosures with pools in the next few days.

Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc.

The mission of Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc. is to achieve excellence in the rehabilitation of injured, orphaned, and oiled native wild birds, with the goal of returning healthy birds to their natural environment. We do this through compassionate care, humane research, and education.

With 40 years of experience, Tri-State is an internationally recognized leader in oil spill response management and training relating to affected wildlife. The organization responds to wildlife affected by oil spills and incidents regionally, across the United States, and around the world. The non-profit also treats nearly 3,000 native wild birds annually in the Frink Center for Wildlife in Newark, DE.

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There may be opportunities for video footage of the wash process on February 9th Please contact Rebecca Stansell above to coordinate. Visits must be scheduled in advance. Any questions regarding the nature of the spill or progress on the environmental cleanup should be directed to Julia Christian from DOEE @ 202.450.7878. Current images and video footage can be found here

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