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BREAKING
Train Derails on Delaware River Spilling Oil
Diesel fuel in rushing waters, some rail cars in river near Delaware County Deposit, NY

Deposit, New York - At 2:01 am this morning a train carrying various types of waste, including hazardous materials, derailed in Deposit, NY, near Hale Eddy Road, on the Delaware River reported the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway.

News reports say the 63-car train was traveling west from New Jersey to Binghamton along the West Branch of the Delaware River with 4 locomotives. Reportedly one car contained corrosive material and thirteen cars contained hazardous contaminated soil, the rest were either empty or carried construction debris or non-hazardous soils. Diesel fuel, up to 4000 gallons, spilled into the West Branch of the Delaware from at least one of the locomotives.

According to the Friends of the Upper Delaware River, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation says 'the train was carrying an estimated 4000 gallons of diesel fuel and a "large percentage" has spilled into the river' and at least 2 rail cars are in the river.

Emergency response teams are on site as well as the National Park Service. A State of Emergency was declared for the Town of Deposit due to severe flooding following heavy storms last night. The train derailment was believed to have been caused by railroad tracks and a culvert washing out due to the storms.

Fast moving water is making it difficult to capture the oil, resulting in some of the fuel being swept downstream, potentially impacting water quality, river uses and wildlife for long distances.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network will update this news as we receive staff reports from the scene.

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