

ISSUES-PROGRAMS LIST January – March, 2015

OIL INDUSTRY JOB SECURITY

An account by Neil LaRubbio about the situation of employment on an oil rig. It includes the story of how he was hired, how the crew works together, and then follows them as they are dismissed in favor of a cheaper crew from another company. Emily Guerin of *Inside Energy* worked with Mr. LaRubbio to produce the report. Followed by discussion.

Program: Mainstreet

Aired: March 30, 2015

Time: 3:35- 3:50pm

EXEMPTIONS TO ANTI-CORPORATE FARMING LAW

Part of ongoing coverage and discussion of a bill that creates an exemption for corporations to be allowed to run dairy and swine operations in the state. North Dakota has long had a ban on farm ownership by non-family corporations. The North Dakota Framers Union opposes the change and is preparing challenges now that the change has passed.

Program: Morning Edition

Aired: various including March 19, 2015.

Time: 8:45-8:50AM, various other times

THE ROLE OF ADVERTISING

As more than 100 million Americans tune in to watch Seattle and New England duke it out in the Super Bowl, advertisers are vying for the nation's attention — during all those seemingly endless commercial breaks. A discussion of the issues of advertising and its history.

Program: Backstory

Aired: January 13, 2015

Time: 8-9PM

COMMON CORE DEBATE

The Common Core approach to curriculum in schools has been much debated in North Dakota and a proposal came to the Legislature to forbid it in the state. A debate session occurred on February 11, and Prairie Public covered it extensively, including this discussion between News Director Dave Thompson and host Doug Hamilton. They played recorded excerpts of the debate and explained the various positions.

Program: Main Street

Aired: February 11, 2015

Time: 3:10-3:30PM

BRINE SPILLS AND HOW THEY ARE REPORTED

Wastewater is particularly damaging to agricultural land. In 2013, North Dakota produced more than 13 billion gallons of oil and nearly 15 billion gallons of wastewater. A company must report a spill within 24 hours and fill out an official Environmental Incident report. But these reports are riddled with inaccuracies and estimates. Volumes are often rough estimates, rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 barrels. In about five percent of spill reports submitted to the state since 2006, the volume section of the form was left blank.

Program: Main Street, Morning Edition, All Things Considered

Aired: February 16, 2015

Time: 3:10-3:30PM