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Despite Trump’s attempts, mail-in voting goes forward around country and in Hampton Roads

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Voting by mail remains an option for the upcoming November elections, but recent efforts by the Trump administration to tighten mail-in requirements have left questions among some

voters, particularly U.S. military and overseas citizens who rely on the method. The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday blocked a new U.S. Postal Service rule that would have included screening the delivery of mail-in ballots in this year’s midterm elections, allowing existing processes

for mail voting to continue. Now, voter groups and election officials are working to get the word out that it’s business as usual. “Voters of all types, not just military voters, have been asking if mail-voting is still

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Above: One option for returning your absentee ballot is to take it to a designated drop-off location during the early voting period. **STEPHEN M. KATZ/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT**



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Bay order revoked in ‘rain tax’ debate

Experts say Trump decree isn’t likely to end stormwater fees

By Maggie Allwein
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President Donald Trump revoked a 17-year-old Chesapeake Bay protection policy last week, claiming states and localities had improperly relied upon it to impose stormwater management fees on residents and businesses. In an executive order signed Wednesday, Trump repealed Executive Order 13508, signed in 2009 by President Barack Obama.



President Trump questioned the level of ecologic benefits stormwater infrastructure provides to the Chesapeake Bay. **KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY**
The move sent shockwaves throughout the environmental community, where advocates believe the decision jeopardizes

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News outlets denied White House access

Trump ban targets staffers from CNN, MS NOW, Politico

By Jocelyn Noveck
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NEW YORK — Reporters from three major news organizations — CNN, MS NOW and Politico — were denied access to the White House on Saturday, a day after President Donald Trump said he was barring them because of reporting he found to be “fake news.” The actions were a clear escalation of Trump’s long-running efforts — in the courts and

through administrative action — to restrict news coverage by journalists he finds objectionable, and the latest test of First Amendment protections in the United States. Trump had said Friday that he would ban all three outlets because of coverage he disliked. White House reporters from the two cable networks — Betsy Klein of CNN and Akayla Gardner of MS NOW — both went live to report they’d been turned away, their press badges deactivated, when arriving for their jobs at the White House. Soon after, Politico said its

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