Dead Zone Homework Assignment

Read the two articles below, one from a *New York Times* blog and the other a release from a University of Michigan research team that relates the dead zone to important land use and climatic variations.

[**http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/08/02/big-drought-makes-for-a-small-dead-zone/?\_r=0**](http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/08/02/big-drought-makes-for-a-small-dead-zone/?_r=0)

**http://ns.umich.edu/new/releases/21538-u-m-researcher-and-colleagues-predict-possible-record-setting-gulf-of-mexico-dead-zone-modest-chesapeake-bay-oxygen-starved-zone**

Upon reading the articles please complete the following:

1. Determine what relationships are important in constraining the size of a dead zone.
2. Find data to backup claims in *The New York Times* blog.
3. Locate data to confirm or deny the Michigan team’s prediction that the 2013 dead zone would be one of the top 10 largest on record.