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Top DEP Stories

East Palestine Derailment

KDKA: Norfolk Southern to pay thousands in fines following OSHA inspection in East Palestine
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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/osha-fines-norfolk-southern-worker-safety-east-palestine-chemical-cleanup/>

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<https://6abc.com/downingtown-hazmat-chester-county-hazardous-materials-incident-boot-road/13623439/>

CBS: Shelter-in-place lifted in Downingtown, PA after hazmat incident
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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/08/09/downingtown-fire-department-responds-to-hazardous-materials-incident/>

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Climate Change

Fox29: Meteorologists see very snowy winter for Delaware Valley

<https://www.fox29.com/news/meteorologists-see-very-snowy-winter-for-delaware-valley>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/kylie-flanagan-book-climate-resilience/>

Conservation and Recreation

Philadelphia Inquirer: Who gave \$3 million so the Schuylkill Center could preserve a tract of land? Two sisters.

<https://www.inquirer.com/real-estate/schuylkill-center-for-environmental-education-philadelphia-boy-scout-tract-upper-roxborough-20230810.html>

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WESA: The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority is investing in the wind

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