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Top DEP Stories

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-air-quality-code-orange-july-5/44434909>

KDKA: Code Orange air quality alert issued Wednesday for Western Pennsylvania
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/code-orange-air-quality-alert-wednesday-western-pennsylvania/>

Post-Gazette: Pennsylvania DEP declares Code Orange air alert for Wednesday
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2023/07/04/pennsylvania-dep-declares-code-orange-air-alert-pittsburgh-allegheeny-armstrong-beaver-butler-fayette-washington-westmoreland/stories/202307040084>

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/fracking-farm-washington-county/>

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