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Top DEP Stories

Indiana Gazette: Indiana County chosen for \$14 million DEP geothermal pilot project
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Mentions

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PA Environment Digest: DEP: Frontier Natural Resources Failed To Restore 5 Water Impoundments At 3 Shale Gas Drilling Sites In Clinton County For 3,197 Days
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/04/dep-frontier-natural-resources-failed.html>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Investigating Possible Software Malfunction That Released An Estimated 704,000 Gallons Of Fresh Water From Coterra Energy Shale Gas Water Impoundment In Springville Twp., Susquehanna County
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Climate Change

Allegheny Front: Practicing climate communication in the field and stream
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Coal Region Canary: Freeze Warning Issued for Schuylkill County Overnight Tonight
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WNEP: New sign at Nay Aug Park celebrates Lenape culture

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Central Penn Business Journal: State senator proposes bills to address data center concerns in Pennsylvania

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