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Top DEP Stories

Washington Observer Reporter: DEP: Pa. produced record amount of natural gas in 2015

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York Dispatch: DEP river report worries outdoor enthusiasts, activists

<http://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2016/08/02/dep-susquehanna-river-impairment/87955906/>

CBS21: DEP says 4-mile stretch of Susquehanna River 'impaired' due to bacteria increase

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FOX43: DEP lists Susquehanna River "impaired" for recreation; public not phased

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Pittsburgh Tribune Review: July temps almost 3 degrees above average, weather service says

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York Dispatch: OPED: Save the real Pokemon from climate change
<http://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/opinion/2016/08/02/oped-save-real-pokemon-climate-change/87955288/>

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Mellon grant will support research at nature reserve
<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/westmoreland/2016/08/02/Grant-to-help-boost-research-at-Powdermill-Nature-Reserve-pennsylvania-Richard-King-Mellon-Foundation/stories/201608020151>

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<http://triblive.com/news/westmoreland/10856843-74/conservation-costello-program>

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