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Top DEP Stories

Levittown Now: Middletown Take Part In Local Climate Action Program

<http://levittownnow.com/2020/08/24/middletown-take-part-in-local-climate-action-program/>

WITF/StateImpact PA: Sunoco asks Environmental Hearing Board to block new DEP shutdown of troubled Chester County drilling site

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/08/24/sunoco-asks-environmental-hearing-board-to-block-new-dep-shutdown-of-troubled-chester-county-drilling-site/>

Times Observer: 16 counties are under drought watch

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2020/08/16-counties-are-under-drought-watch/>

DuBois Courier-Express: Drought conditions impacting area counties

http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/drought-conditions-impacting-area-counties/article_03374b35-dd07-5678-bcbb-4b06d15ae943.html

Mentions

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https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/frontpage/article_7d1910e3-2280-546b-bdb7-9de21700f684.html

Tribune-Review: Former Jeannette hemp processor leaves behind empty building, unpaid fine, jilted workers

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/former-jeannette-hemp-processor-leaves-behind-empty-building-unpaid-fine-jilted-workers/>

KDKA: Several Pittsburgh-Area Counties Under Drought Watch

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/08/24/pittsburgh-area-drought-watch/>

WPXI: People in 4 counties asked to voluntarily reduce water use due to Drought Watch

<https://www.wpxi.com/weather/people-4-counties-asked-voluntarily-reduce-water-use-due-drought-watch/ST3ZO7I4RVFHXF2PAKOPO7RPWY/>

RGGI

WCCS: Indiana county contingent to testify before senate committee

<https://www.wccsradio.com/2020/08/25/indiana-county-contingent-to-testify-before-senate-committee/>

WCCS: Schroth: RGGI would be disaster for communities, schools

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<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/aug/24/infants-exposed-to-air-pollution-have-less-lung-power-as-adolescents-study>

Conservation & Recreation

WVIA: Nature organizations reach out to support black environmentalists
<https://www.wvia.org/blogs/keystone-edition/nature-organizations-reach-out-to-support-black-environmentalists/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Republican lawmakers push for entrance fees in PA state parks
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<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/08/24/the-largest-solar-array-of-its-kind-in-the-u-s-now-sits-atop-a-former-pittsburgh-steel-mill/>

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/colver-power-plant-to-reopen-under-new-owner>

WESA: The Largest Solar Array Of Its Kind In The U.S. Now Sits Atop A Former Pittsburgh Steel Mill
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CBS21: Dauphin County officials collect first West Nile Virus-infected mosquito samples of season

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Titusville Herald: No threat posed from Tionesta Creek project (pg 2)

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