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Top DEP Stories

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State to spray for mosquitos in South Williamsport and Anthony Township Thursday

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/08/state-to-spray-for-mosquitos-in-south-williamsport-and-anthony-township-thursday/>

Mentions

PublicSource: Allegheny County ramps up mosquito control. Could it harm local ecosystems?

<https://www.publicsource.org/mosquito-spraying-disease-west-nile-insects-ecosystem-environment-conservation-allegheny-county-pittsburgh/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Styropek plans to cease production at Beaver Valley plant

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/08/14/styrotek-ending-beaver-production.html>

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Potter Leader-Enterprise: Multi-agency Resource Center open for Potter residents impacted by floods

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WENY: Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) to Open in Tioga County, PA

<https://www.weny.com/story/51216304/multiagency-resource-center-marc-to-open-in-tioga-county-pa>

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Bartram's Garden / 51st Street Alliance

Metro Philadelphia: Concerns remain, cleanup continues at Bartram's Garden following contamination
<https://metrophiladelphia.com/bartrams-garden-contamination/>

East Palestine Train Derailment

AP; Hidden report reveals how workers got sick while cleaning up Ohio derailment site
<https://apnews.com/article/east-palestine-ohio-railroad-train-wreck-epa-f2cf628d79c47e265539e98032390f3f>

York Dispatch: Hidden report reveals how workers got sick while cleaning up Ohio derailment site
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2024/08/15/hidden-report-reveals-how-workers-got-sick-while-cleaning-up-ohio-derailment-site/74808715007/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/canadian-wildfire-haze-smoke-map-2024-20240814.html>

Climate Change

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Pa. must make a plan for methane
<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-pa-must-make-a-plan-for-methane/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/goodness/2024/08/15/where-to-find-butterflies-pittsburgh/stories/202408120079>

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Mining

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<https://grist.org/energy/states-want-to-clean-up-leaky-orphan-oil-wells-laws/>

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Waste

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<https://delawarecurrents.org/2024/08/08/flooding-debby/>

Delco Today: Aqua Pennsylvania Breaks Ground on Shenango Valley Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project
<https://delco.today/2024/08/aqua-pennsylvania-shenango-valley-water-treatment/>

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