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Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Sherwin-Williams fined by state, must make changes at Beaver County plant over air quality violations

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2026/08/11/sherwin-williams-beaver-county-air-quality-dep/stories/202608110040>

Mentions

City Limits: Nearly a Third of NYC's Trash Gets Incinerated Elsewhere. What Would It Take to Stop The Practice?

<https://citylimits.org/nearly-a-third-of-nycs-trash-gets-incinerated-elsewhere-what-would-it-take-to-stop-the-practice/>

Upper Makefield Pipeline

Bucks County Herald: Fitzpatrick pushes PHMSA to respond to Mount Eyre task force's FOIA requests

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Climate Change

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Intensifying summers are putting the Philly suburbs' aging infrastructure to the test: 'We get a 100-year storm every year'

<https://www.inquirer.com/science/climate/suburban-infrastructure-philadelphia-weather-climate-change-20260812.html>

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Data Centers

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/08/12/harrisburg-data-center-regulation.html>

TribLive: Springdale-area residents express their concerns about a data center coming to their town
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-area-residents-express-their-concerns-about-a-a-data-center-coming-to-their-town/>

Press Enterprise: Mifflin supers OK data center
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/08/12/1/mifflin-supers-ok-data-center>

Pennlive: A data center developer just offered this Pa. community \$50M to build campus
<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2026/08/a-data-center-developer-just-offered-this-pa-community-50m-to-build-campus.html>

Penn Capital-Star: Data center developers want to build in three Pa. communities. Each has its own experience.
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<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/08/11/hidden-cost-data-centers/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: How Josh Shapiro's early embrace of data centers is testing his high popularity in Pennsylvania
<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/josh-shapiro-data-center-support-election-20260811.html>

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Mining

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Vector Management

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