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Top DEP Stories

WESA: Pennsylvania's Air Was A Little Fresher In 2018, State Data Shows

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Good River/Allegheny Front: Ever hear of a nurdle? This new form of pollution could be coming to the Ohio River

<https://www.ohiowatershed.org/nurdle-new-form-pollution-coming-to-ohio-river.html>

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Air quality issues could have U.S. Steel paying \$2 million to Clairton residents

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<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2019/12/u-s-steel-agrees-to-2m-settlement/>

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Climate Change

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<http://news.trust.org/item/20191211230717-qvt64/>

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/public-meeting-about-state-parks-set-for-tonight-at-french-creek>

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WESA: CMU Study Shows Natural Gas In The Region Has Brought Economic Benefits, But Also Premature Deaths

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