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Top DEP Stories

Times News: Carbon businesses prepare for fight over water use
<https://www.tnonline.com/carbon-businesses-prepare-fight-over-water-use>

Erie Times: Erie Coke: Shutdown complete, inventory underway
<https://www.goerie.com/news/20191223/erie-coke-shutdown-complete-inventory-underway>

WPXI: Air Quality Action Day alert issued for Christmas Eve in parts of the area
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/air-quality-action-day-alert-issued-christmas-eve-parts-area/MKP6PVHLRRDSRN65PIMQDMP4ZA/>

Mentions

Express Times: A noisy Slate Belt stump dump might reopen. Here is how to ask questions
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/northampton-county/2019/12/a-noisy-slate-belt-stump-dump-might-reopen-here-is-how-to-ask-questions.html>

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https://www.lancasterfarming.com/news/main_edition/ag-committee-oks-bottled-water-bills/article_ea13c6f8-2590-11ea-bf12-3b88257dae69.html

Post-Gazette: Polluted air plagues Clairton, Mon valley again
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2019/12/23/clairton-air-pollution-coke-works-mon-valley-health-department/stories/201912230118>

Air

Tribune-Review: Allegheny County Health Department warns of bad air quality in region
<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-allegheny/allegheny-county-health-department-warns-of-bad-air-quality-in-region/>

KDKA: Multi-State Proposal Could Hike Gasoline Prices To Benefit Non-Fossil Fuel Transportation Alternatives
<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2019/12/23/transportation-and-climate-initiative-could-raise-gas-prices/>

KDKA: Mon Valley Air Quality Concerns
<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/video/4288912-mon-valley-air-quality-concerns/>

KDKA: 'It's Making Clairton Sick': Poor Air Quality Impacting Clairton, Liberty Areas
<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2019/12/23/air-quality-impacting-clairton-liberty-areas/>

Post-Gazette: Carbon pact for cars and trucks would cut pollution — and raise gas prices
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2019/12/23/Transportation-climate-initiative-Pennsylvania-gas-prices-northeast/stories/201912230009>

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<https://papost.org/2019/12/23/how-30-years-of-broken-promises-false-starts-led-to-another-philly-asbestos-closure/>

Climate Change

Pennlive: Your kids likely won't learn climate science this year - but they should | Opinion
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2019/12/your-kids-likely-wont-learn-climate-science-this-year-but-they-should-opinion.html>

Philadelphia Inquirer: A 'new wave' of activism on campus: Students are aggressively seeking their demands
<https://www.inquirer.com/education/protest-students-college-campus-fossil-fuels-speakers-fraternities-20191223.html>

Conservation & Recreation

Morning Call: Spotting the spotted lanternfly: Possible infested shipments from Lehigh Valley flagged once they get to New York
<https://www.mcall.com/news/local/mc-nws-spotted-lanternfly-quarantine-enforcement-ny-20191224-xiukanpjw5dmhiocv6gkplgcui-story.html>

Altoona Mirror: Rock Run to receive \$120,000 in grants
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2019/12/rock-run-to-receive-120000-in-grants/>

River Reporter: Celebrating conservation
<https://riverreporter.com/stories/celebrating-conservation,34802>

Scranton Times: End backlog for state park conservation
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/end-backlog-for-state-park-conservation-1.2575045>

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Pennlive: New bald eagle nestcam in Pennsylvania
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Erie Times: Life beneath the snows of Erie winters
<https://www.goerie.com/news/20191223/life-beneath-snows-of-erie-winters>

Energy

Times Observer: National Fuel informs customers of data use

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2019/12/national-fuel-informs-customers-of-data-use/>

Oil and Gas

Doylestown Intelligencer: FERC approves Adelpia natural gas pipeline

<https://www.theintell.com/news/20191223/ferc-approves-adelpia-natural-gas-pipeline>

Philadelphia Inquirer: How the PES refinery shutdown is a good opportunity for Philly | Opinion

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<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2019/12/24/natural-gas-production-headed-for-a-slow-down-in-2020/>

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Post-Gazette: Using old oil and gas wells as collateral, Diversified gets \$200M from hungry investors

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2019/12/22/Using-old-oil-and-gas-wells-as-collateral-Diversified-gets-200M-from-hungry-investors/stories/201912180145>

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Morning Call: Spotting the spotted lanternfly: Possible infested shipments from Lehigh Valley flagged once they get to New York

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Waste

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York Daily record: Time to trash the Christmas tree? Here's how to recycle it

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2019/12/23/dates-places-recycling-real-christmas-trees-york-county/2737532001/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2019/12/23/Pittsburgh-Christmas-Tree-recycling-season-hours-information-locations/stories/201912230071>

Water

Altoona Mirror: Water, sewer rates steady

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Sunbury Daily Item: Downpayment for cleaner waters in Pennsylvania (Editorial)

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ABC27: Fertilizer odor mistook for natural gas in Hershey

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WTAJ: Local farms avoid Christmas Tree Shortage

<https://www.wearecentralpa.com/news/local-news/local-farms-avoid-christmas-tree-shortage/>

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<https://www.mcall.com/news/local/mc-nws-deer-rescued-leaser-lake-20191223-u5fp3gbes5ecdhmabpwjmamy4e-story.html>

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