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## Top DEP Stories

WJAC: DEP: Investigation into Cambria County gas leak revealed 'numerous violations' by company  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/dep-investigation-into-cambria-county-gas-leak-revealed-numerous-violations-by-company#>

WESA: DEP says leaks, spill damage continue at Pa. storage site where gas leaked for weeks  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2022-12-12/dep-says-leaks-spill-damage-continue-at-pa-storage-site-where-gas-leaked-for-weeks>

StateImpact PA: DEP says leaks, spill damage continue at storage site where gas leaked for weeks  
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[https://www.tribdem.com/news/dep-orders-gas-company-to-take-mitigation-steps-after-leak-jackson-township-incident-brought-10/article\\_cebcdf58-7807-11ed-bb46-1382f2c19254.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/dep-orders-gas-company-to-take-mitigation-steps-after-leak-jackson-township-incident-brought-10/article_cebcdf58-7807-11ed-bb46-1382f2c19254.html)

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-12-09/many-violations-seen-at-site-of-pennsylvania-natural-gas-leak>

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NorthcentralPA.com: 5 PA counties still in drought watch  
[https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/5-pa-counties-still-in-drought-watch/article\\_0b6d5668-7735-11ed-ac23-af4ddd31f91.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/5-pa-counties-still-in-drought-watch/article_0b6d5668-7735-11ed-ac23-af4ddd31f91.html)

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## **Air**

Mon Valley Independent: Program to focus on Donora Smog

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Lewistown Sentinel: Drought watch lifted for River Valley region

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<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/dutch-ridge-road-sewer-installation-begins-monday-in-brighton-township/>

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[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/water-shutoff-planned-in-carmichaels/article\\_a8f8f458-77dc-11ed-964b-87e2d8e86d4f.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/water-shutoff-planned-in-carmichaels/article_a8f8f458-77dc-11ed-964b-87e2d8e86d4f.html)

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