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Top DEP Stories

Shamokin News-Item: DEP awards \$12.2 million to support counties' progress in restoring Chesapeake Bay watershed

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/dep-awards-12-2-million-to-support-counties-progress-in-restoring-chesapeake-bay-watershed/article_5e2d5fa1-d636-5491-ac7a-c29a598b3d4c.html

WESA: Western Pa. contractor fined for illegal dumping of oil and gas waste

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2022-12-16/western-pa-contractor-fined-for-illegal-dumping-of-oil-and-gas-waste>

Herald-Standard: Fayette business fined \$600,000 for dumping violations

https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/fayette-business-fined-600-000-for-dumping-violations/article_13cb5288-7ca3-11ed-86f9-9f9ca8badc5c.html

Tribune-Review: Shell issued violation notice for exceeding emission limits during startup of Beaver County cracker plant

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/shell-issued-violation-notice-for-exceeding-emission-limits-during-startup-of-beaver-county-cracker-plant/>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Decaying Allegheny County oil and gas wells to be plugged with federal funding boost

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2022/12/18/decaying-allegheny-oil-and-gas-wells-to-be-plugged-with-federal-funding-boost/>

Meadville Tribune: DEP: Opening of Shell's western Pa. 'cracker' caused pollutants to spike

[DEP: Opening of Shell's western Pa. 'cracker' caused pollutants to spike | Don't Miss This | meadvilletribune.com](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/local/dep-opening-of-shell-s-western-pa-cracker-caused-pollutants-to-spike)

Mentions

PA Environment Digest: Citizen Complaints Result in DEP Issuing PA General Energy More Violations At Loyalsock Creek Gas Pipeline/Water Withdrawal Construction Site In Lycoming County

<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2022/12/citizen-complaints-result-in-dep.html>

Air

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Tribune-Review: Marie DeMarco: Speaking up for cleaner air

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Climate Change

Bloomberg: Big Oil Investors Call for More Aggressive Climate Targets

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: With another \$3 billion spent on climate-smart agriculture projects, we should worry about our debt (Editorial)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/editorials/2022/12/with-another-3-billion-spent-we-should-worry-about-our-debt/>

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Allegheny Front: GET TO KNOW TREES ON A WINTER WALK WITH TREE PITTSBURGH

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/get-to-know-trees-on-a-winter-walk-with-tree-pittsburgh/>

Allegheny Front: CHATHAM UNIVERSITY WANTS TO TRAIN FARMERS ON HOW TO BRING IN MORE MONEY

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/chatham-university-wants-to-train-farmers-on-how-to-bring-in-more-money/>

Herald-Standard: First Day Hikes times 2: Laurel Hill State Park naturalists will lead two guided hikes on Jan. 1

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Tribune-Democrat: Cambria County conservation, rec authority anticipates deficit in 2023 budget, asks county for more money

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AP: Historic biodiversity agreement reached at UN conference

<https://apnews.com/article/china-united-nations-biodiversity-climate-and-environment-eee5683a8fac71540f94e9934031bd22>

The Guardian: Cop15: historic deal struck to halt biodiversity loss by 2030

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WJAC: 'Nearly uninhabitable!' Local couple files suit against Sunoco over pipeline construction

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/sunoco-lawsuit-pipeline-mariner-east-pennsylvania-damages-health-water-well-sewage-uninhabitable-shawley-cambria-county-negligence-reckless-property-attorney-general-jury-septic-construction#>

Mon Valley Independent: Charleroi, authority to discuss possible sale of sewer lines

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/12/charleroi-authority-to-discuss-possible-sale-of-sewer-lines/>

Latrobe Bulletin: DTMA customers to see \$3 rate increase in new year

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/dtma-customers-to-see-3-rate-increase-in-new-year/article_d98f9ccc-171a-523b-bdf0-8db821918e2d.html

Energy

Mon Valley Independent: Guttman Energy enters new phase with employee ownership

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/12/guttman-energy-enters-new-phase-with-employee-ownership/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2022/12/19/shell-cracker-monaca-polyethylene/stories/202212200006>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/ohio-bill-to-spur-fracking-at-state-parks-and-forests-heads-to-governors-office/>

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https://observer-reporter.com/business/gas-prices-continue-to-tank-across-the-nation/article_79733bf6-74a5-11ed-beec-cf6d23c07039.html

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https://observer-reporter.com/opinion/letters/letter-natural-gas-a-win-for-pa/article_d1ab4ac6-7bc5-11ed-a043-afd3d4bf2d6f.html

Altoona Mirror: Cambrian couple sue Sunoco over pipeline damage

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2022/12/cambria-couple-sue-sunoco-over-pipeline-damage/>

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Bradford Era: Study examines feeding damage caused by spotted lanternflies on young maples

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Mon Valley Independent: City of Monessen to accept partial garbage payments

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/12/city-of-monessen-to-accept-partial-garbage-payments/>

Tribune-Review: Tarentum trash collection fee unchanged but will be limited to 1 container

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Altoona Mirror: Project would undo a legacy

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<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2022/12/16/gas-stoves-can-hurt-indoor-air-quality-consumer-advocates-say/>