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Top DEP Stories

Indiana Gazette: Environmental advocates, Pa. youths appeal permit for Homer City Energy Campus
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Mentions

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<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/19122025/pennsylvania-oil-and-gas-waste-tracking-logistical-mess/>

Air

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<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/12/18/dilapidated-buildings-in-shenandoah-mahanoy-city-and-gilberton-scheduled-for-demolition/>

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/quatrini-named-bradford-conservation-district-manager/>

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Feds letting big tech plug data centers right into power plants

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Mining

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/wyoming-commissioners-blast-ugi-over-natural-gas-failure/>

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PFAS

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Vector Management

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<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/12/19/do-deer-ticks-die-in-colder-weather-in-pennsylvania-blacklegged-ticks-lyme-disease/87830886007/>

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Waste

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