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## Top DEP Stories

Erie Times: Erie had questions about Cosmed and ethylene oxide. Find answers from the EPA, DEP, more <https://www.goerie.com/story/news/healthcare/2023/02/03/erie-pa-eto-cosmed-ethylene-oxide-emission-epa-dep-doh-answer-public-questions/6986286007/>

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Beaver County Times: Shell's cracker plant pollution prompts civil lawsuit <https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2023/02/03/beaver-county-shells-cracker-plant-pollution-prompts-civil-lawsuit/69869796007/>

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Post-Gazette: Pa. advocates issue intent to sue Shell cracker for emissions violations <https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/02/03/pa-advocates-issue-intent-to-sue-shell-cracker-for-emissions-violations/stories/202302030068>

## Climate Change

Bedford Gazette: The healing of the ozone layer gives hope, but addressing climate change will be harder [https://www.bedfordgazette.com/editorial/the-healing-of-the-ozone-layer-gives-hope-but-addressing-climate-change-will-be-harder/article\\_82001be2-f15d-527b-9529-25137ed5cc97.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/editorial/the-healing-of-the-ozone-layer-gives-hope-but-addressing-climate-change-will-be-harder/article_82001be2-f15d-527b-9529-25137ed5cc97.html)

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Times Observer: Test Your Skills at Audubon Community Nature Center's February Winter Treasure Hunt  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/community/2023/02/test-your-skills-at-audubons-february-winter-treasure-hunt/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/cobbs-creek-golf-course-philadelphia-city-council-20230202.html>

WHYY: Zoning overlay for Cobbs Creek Golf Course passes despite community concerns  
<https://whyy.org/articles/zoning-overlay-cobbs-creek-golf-course-passes-city-council/>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/cobbs-creek-trail-philadelphia-signage-new/>

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Sanatoga Post: Debris Removal to Restrict Route 73 In New Hanover

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KYW News: Philly mayoral candidates pushed to renew commitment to clean streets

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