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Top DEP Stories

York Daily Record: Oil from J&K fire spotted as far downstream in Codorus as Susquehanna
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/02/27/oil-from-the-jk-fire-has-reached-the-susquehanna-dep-reports/88896745007/>

York Daily Record: See crews contain oil slick on the Codorus Creek after J&K fire
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ABC27: Officials collecting samples from creek after huge York County salvage yard fire
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/officials-collecting-samples-from-creek-after-huge-york-county-salvage-yard-fire/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/022726/page/6/story/merck-is-sending-its-waste-to-off-site-disposal-spots>

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Climate Change

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<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/editorials/epa-endangerment-finding-pollution-emissions-mercury-20260228.html?query=energy>

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<https://www.wesa.fm/education/2026-02-27/avian-education-center-pittsburgh>

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