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Top DEP Stories

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Monitors set up near coal bank blaze

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/071724/page/3/story/monitors-set-up-near-coal-bank-blaze>

Mentions

Bucks County Beacon: US Appeals Court Rules Environmental Groups Can Continue Legal Challenge of Pipeline That Would Pass Through Bucks County

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Bartram's Garden/51st Street Alliance Contamination

WHYY: Pa. officials criticized over response to chemical spill at Bartram's Garden

<https://whyy.org/articles/bartrams-garden-chemical-spill/>

NBC 10: Possible chemical contamination closes portion of Bartram's Garden Mile Trail

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/bartrams-garden-philadelphia-chemical-contamination/>

Metro Philadelphia: Potential toxic chemical leak reported at Bartram's Garden

<https://metrophiladelphia.com/toxic-chemical-leak-bartrams-garden/>

Fox 29: Popular SW Philadelphia trail abruptly closed while officials test for potential toxic chemicals

<https://www.fox29.com/news/popular-sw-philadelphia-trail-abruptly-closed-while-officials-test-potential-toxic-chemicals>

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Philly Voice: Potential chemical contamination at Bartram's Garden prompts investigation, closure of pedestrian trail

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Train Derailment

WESA: After December's Altoona-area train derailment, U.S. Senators ask Norfolk Southern for transparency

<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2024-07-17/altoona-derailment-norfolk-southern-transparency-casey-fetterman>

AP: EPA watchdog investigating delays in how the agency used sensor plane after fiery Ohio derailment

<https://apnews.com/article/epa-norfolk-southern-east-palestine-derailment-5de5958410a5b0d16fbb45e090f91a68>

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Washington Examiner: The most important 42 miles in American politics

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/3086867/the-most-important-42-miles-in-american-politics/>

Plum Home Explosion

KDKA: Plum residents have some answers 1 year after deadly house explosion that killed 6

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/plum-residents-pennsylvania-public-utility-commission-house-explosion/>

Air

Pittsburgh Business Times: U.S. Steel plant manager urges more review of Allegheny County air-permit fee increases

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/07/17/allegheny-county-board-of-health-july.html>

Climate Change

WESA: Thousands of Pa. prisoners endure summer heat without air conditioning

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The Latin Sun: A section of the Schuylkill River Trail will be closed

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