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Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 'I was stunned': Rare freshwater jellyfish spotted in Presque Isle Bay
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/07/30/freshwater-jellyfish-presque-isle-bay/stories/202507300082>

KDKA: "Incredibly rare" freshwater jellyfish captured on camera in Lake Erie
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/freshwater-jellyfish-lake-erie-pennsylvania/>

Erie Times: A jellyfish at Presque Isle? What you should know about this freshwater species
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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 'I was stunned': Rare freshwater jellyfish spotted in Presque Isle Bay
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WPXI-TV: Rare freshwater jellyfish spotted at Presque Isle
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MSN: "Incredibly rare" freshwater jellyfish captured on camera in Lake Erie
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Mentions

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Air

Tribune-Democrat: Langerholc working on bill to end vehicle emissions testing in Pennsylvania

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Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: We need strong methane rules to protect kids

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-we-need-strong-methane-rules-to-protect-kids/>

PhillyBurbs: Code orange air quality declared in Bucks County

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/07/30/pa-dep-air-quality-alert-philly-area-bucks-county-pa-region-ozone-dep/85438014007/>

Pennlive: 'If you smell something, say something:' Cumberland County town wants to know who dealt it

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/07/if-you-smell-something-say-something-cumberland-county-town-wants-to-know-who-dealt-it.html>

FOX43: Mechanicsburg launches 'If You Smell Something, Say Something' campaign to promote cleaner air

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Climate Change

Inquirer: EPA moves to end climate regulation under Clean Air Act

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KDKA: Extinct-in-the-wild Guam kingfisher hatches at National Aviary

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Spotlight PA: Why Pennsylvanians may see higher electric bills this summer — and next

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WHYY: PECO is offering \$500 grants to help customers pay off overdue bills

<https://whyy.org/articles/peco-electricity-bill-grant-program-assistance/>

Scranton Times: Electric vehicle charging station opens at Sheetz in Dickson City

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Oil and Gas

Pa Environmental Digest: Pin Oak Energy Partners Signs Consent Order With DEP To Address Its Failure To Restore 16 Shale Gas Well Sites And An Impoundment In Beaver County Since 2023

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Vector Management

KDKA: Congressman Mike Kelly joins bipartisan push to stop spread of spotted lanternflies

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WGAL: New U.S. House bill aims to curb spotted lanternfly's impact on agriculture

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Waste

WTAE: Experts weigh environmental trade-offs of Pittsburgh's single-use plastic bag ban

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-plastic-bag-ban-effectiveness/65553142>

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Altoona Mirror: Intermunicipal Relations Committee hires recycling program coordinator

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/07/irc-recycling-program-coordinator-kurtz-hired/>

Water

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Pennlive: Pa.'s new monitoring stations will better alert residents to floods and other weather events
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<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2025-07-31/deluzio-rail-safety-regulation-deregulation-push-pull>

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