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Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: Gas driller pleads no contest to polluting town's water

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/state/gas-driller-pleads-no-contest-to-polluting-towns-water/article_7190fe98-e2b1-5662-9bee-41181f900ac2.html

WNEP: Clean water and justice for Dimock Township

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/susquehanna-county/clean-water-and-justice-for-dimock-township-susquehanna-county-ray-kemble-attorney-general-josh-shapiro-craig-stevens-victoria-switzer/523-ac3d87c5-8f19-4e1d-9a05-53956925391a>

Morning Call: Gas driller pleads no contest to polluting town's water; will pay residents water bills for next 75 years

<https://www.mcall.com/news/pennsylvania/mc-nws-pa-gas-driller-court-20221129-oqzngdxc65brnmmotajtkoa3d4-story.html>

WBRE: Fracking company pleads no contest to water pollution charges

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/crime-courts/fracking-company-pleas-no-contest-to-water-pollution-charges/>

FOX56: Coterra Energy pleads guilty to contaminating water in in Susquehanna Co

<https://fox56.com/news/local/corterra-energy-inc-pleads-guilty-in-susquehanna-county#>

Mentions

WESA: Emissions limits on conventional oil and gas wells to get emergency vote by Pa. regulators

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2022-11-29/emissions-limits-on-conventional-oil-and-gas-wells-to-get-emergency-vote-by-pa-regulators>

PublicSource: As prosecutor, Josh Shapiro was for fracking reform. Can he pull it off as governor?

<https://www.publicsource.org/josh-shapiro-governor-pennsylvania-pa-fracking-natural-gas-drilling-hydrogen/>

Post-Gazette: Steam generator glitch in Shell's chemical plant returns orange glow to Beaver County sky

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2022/11/29/shell-cracker-plant-orange-glow-beaver-county/stories/202211290115>

Lock Haven Express: Groups file appeal for energy plant permit

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2022/11/groups-file-appeal-for-energy-plant-permit/>

Air

Mon Valley Independent: Blighted Monessen buildings torn down

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/11/blighted-monessen-buildings-torn-down/>

Climate Change

York Daily Record: COP27 keeps hope alive to address climate change — barely

<https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/2022/11/30/cop27-keeps-hope-alive-to-address-climate-change-barely/69688121007/>

Penn State News: Coffee hour to discuss water governance conflicts linked to climate change

<https://www.psu.edu/news/earth-and-mineral-sciences/story/coffee-hour-discuss-water-governance-conflicts-linked-climate/>

Conservation and Recreation

WESA: Sales-tax rebound lets Allegheny County asset board boost funding for parks, libraries and more

<https://www.wesa.fm/arts-sports-culture/2022-11-30/sales-tax-rebound-lets-allegheny-county-asset-board-boost-funding-for-parks-libraries-and-more>

Post-Gazette: Record \$126.5 million in grants slated for Allegheny County recreation, arts and cultural groups

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/recreation/2022/11/29/allegheny-regional-asset-district-grants-2023-rad-board-record-funding-parks-libraries-pittsburgh/stories/202211290109>

Pittsburgh City Paper: City and conservancy clash over parks plans

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/city-and-conservancy-clash-over-parks-plans/Content?oid=22886190>

AP: US bat species devastated by fungus now listed as endangered

<https://apnews.com/article/northern-long-eared-bat-endangered-a95ee172d6ffd7b313109b5ae5961792>

Lancaster Newspapers: Happy trails: Investing in outdoor recreation and riverfront towns in Lancaster County has proven to be wise

https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/happy-trails-investing-in-outdoor-recreation-and-riverfront-towns-in-lancaster-county-has-proven-to/article_6bf0d072-7051-11ed-995c-a308f9aed2d3.html

Penn State News: Small percentage of globe provides critical natural benefits for most of humanity

<https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/small-percentage-globe-provides-critical-natural-benefits-most-humanity/>

Energy

Tribune-Democrat: Solar farm proposed for Conemaugh Township; variance requested

https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/solar-farm-proposed-for-conemaugh-township-variance-requested/article_91d8a5b8-7000-11ed-a2bb-273e924b4ed4.html

Bloomberg: Rising Credit Risks Pose Huge Challenge for the Worst Polluters

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-11-30/rising-credit-risks-pose-huge-challenge-for-the-worst-polluters>

Altoona Mirror: Penelec customers to pay slightly less for electricity

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2022/11/penelec-customers-to-pay-slightly-less-for-electricity/>

Mining

Penn State News: New process developed to extract high purity rare earth element oxides from acid mine drainage and sludge

<https://www.psu.edu/news/earth-and-mineral-sciences/story/new-process-developed-extract-high-purity-rare-earth-element/>

Oil and Gas

Mon Valley Independent: Opposition heard as Olympus hearings conclude

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/11/opposition-heard-as-olympus-hearings-conclude/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Coterra agrees to pay \$16M to provide drinking water to Dimock residents

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2022/11/29/coterra-cabot-oil-gas-dimock-water.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT's Toby Rice: Increasing natural gas production key to solving climate problem

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2022/11/29/eqt-toby-rice-unleashing-Ing.html>

WTF/StateImpact: 'Gasland' driller will pay millions for new water system in Dimock

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2022/11/29/gasland-driller-pleads-guilty-will-pay-millions-for-new-water-system-in-dimock/>

Pennlive: Gas driller pleads no contest to polluting Pa. town's water

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2022/11/gas-driller-pleads-no-contest-to-polluting-pa-towns-water.html>

Carlisle Sentinel: Gas driller pleads no contest to polluting 'Gasland' town's water

https://cumberlink.com/news/state-and-regional/crime-and-courts/gas-driller-pleads-no-contest-to-polluting-gasland-towns-water/article_0067a844-7038-11ed-a0fe-cb692923733f.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

WTF/StateImpact: Emissions limits on conventional oil and gas wells to get emergency vote by Pa. regulators

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<https://www.abc27.com/news/us-world/ap-gas-driller-pleads-no-contest-to-polluting-towns-water/>

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<https://local21news.com/news/local/corterra-energy-inc-pleads-guilty-in-susquehanna-county#>

Waste

Pennlive: Paper bags could be back in N.J. grocery stores. Why did state ban them in the first place?

<https://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2022/11/paper-bags-could-be-back-in-nj-grocery-stores-why-did-state-ban-them-in-the-first-place.html>

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<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/2022/11/slate-belt-township-faces-116-increase-in-garbage-and-recycling-collection-fees.html>

Water

WJAC: Grieving over the holidays: wife of Johnstown man who fell to death in creek speaks out

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/grieving-over-the-holidays-wife-of-johnstown-man-who-fell-to-death-in-creek-speaks-out#>

Pocono Record: Raystown Lake receives national award for protecting fish

<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/sports/outdoors/2022/11/30/raystown-lake-shoreline-improvements-for-boaters-anglers-in-pa/69684864007/>

WETM: EPA grants Lawrenceville extension for responding to questions about water plant

<https://www.mytwintiers.com/news-cat/local-news/epa-grants-lawrenceville-extension-for-responding-to-questions-about-water-plant/>

Butler Eagle: Residents with Beaver Falls Water Authority experiencing "change in odor from water supply"

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Miscellaneous

KDKA: Orange glow seen in sky around Beaver County cracker plant

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/beaver-county-shell-cracker-plant-orange-glow-sky/>

Beaver County Times: Millions awarded to kickstart development, Shell cracker plant ramps up

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Reading Eagle: Cumru officials deny variance for Route 222 warehouse

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2022/11/30/cumru-officials-deny-variance-for-route-222-warehouse/>

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https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/new-york-solar-fee-to-fund-farm-preservation/article_dc829d16-6f39-11ed-962f-1b4586d525a3.html