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Top DEP Stories

Wastewater Digest: Pennsylvania DEP responds to sewage release in Susquehanna River
<https://www.wwdmag.com/wastewater-treatment/press-release/55142597/pennsylvania-dep-responds-to-sewage-release-in-susquehanna-river>

Mentions

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Times Leader: DEP working on opening in Toby Creek
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1668323/dep-working-on-opening-in-toby-creek>

WPXI: Residents in Harmar Township, Oakmont complaining of strong smell coming from local sewage plant
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East Palestine Train Derailment

Judge approves \$600 million settlement for Ohio derailment but not everyone is satisfied

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Air

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Climate Change

Allegheny Front: What can one person do about climate change? The food we (don't) eat
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/what-can-one-person-do-about-climate-change-reduce-food-waste/>

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<https://newpittsburghcourier.com/2024/09/26/advocates-say-climate-plan-must-consider-those-most-at-risk-in-a-warmer-wetter-allegheny-county/>

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<https://aroundambler.com/montgomery-county-to-host-ribbon-cutting-for-bethlehem-pike-pedestrian-improvements/>

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Post-Gazette: After new merger, Pittsburgh's EQT will no longer be the biggest natural gas producer in the country

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