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## Top DEP Stories

New Castle News: More than 7 sent to hospital after 'major explosion' at Parker Lord Corp. in Saegertown; residents told to shelter in place

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<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/saegertown-residents-told-to-shelter-in-place/>

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KDKA: Multiple people injured after explosion, fire at industrial plant in Crawford County

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Newtown Now: Jet Fuel Leak Taints Upper Makefield Wells

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WHYY: Upper Makefield residents call for answers on Energy Transfer pipeline leak

<https://whyy.org/articles/bucks-pipeline-leak-energy-transfer-upper-makefield/>

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WHYY: The deadly NE Philly plane crash caused a plume of smoke and a massive crater. Here's what to know about the environmental impacts

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