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Top DEP Stories

Corry Journal: Union City French Creek project awarded 3-year state grant

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Philadelphia Inquirer: Fire crews battle massive industrial fire at SPS Technologies in Jenkintown; shelter-in-place order in effect

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/live/sps-technologies-fire-updates-jenkintown-20250218.html>

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<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/02/18/hundreds-of-firefighters-battle-abington-township-commercial-building-blaze/>

Pennlive: Massive warehouse fire in eastern Pa. keeps schools and businesses closed

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/02/massive-warehouse-fire-in-eastern-pa-keeps-schools-and-businesses-closed.html>

ABC27: Massive fire burns at warehouse in Jenkintown; local schools closed

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WGAL: Witnesses reported explosion before warehouse fire at SPS Technologies in Montgomery County, Pa.

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-sps-technologies-warehouse-fire/63828926>

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The Allegheny Front: Gov. Shapiro sues over ‘flagrantly lawless’ halt in federal funds committed to Pennsylvania

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-josh-shapiro-lawsuit-federal-funds-climate-environment/>

Tribune-Review: Diesel from Route 28 tanker accident leaves sheen throughout Allegheny and Ohio rivers

<https://triblive.com/local/diesel-from-route-28-tanker-accident-leaves-oil-throughout-allegheny-and-ohio-rivers/>

Avian Influenza

WESA: Bird flu cases on the rise in Pa. as the state expands testing, containment efforts

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-02-15/bird-flu-cases-testing-containment>

Lancaster Online: Federal government won't help fight future disease outbreaks, so Lancaster County residents need to keep eye on bird flu

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: ‘Safe and secure’: State reaches bird flu-free status among dairy cows

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Air

Tub City Almanac: \$250K in Grants Made from Air Quality Fund

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Climate Change

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: A closer look at Shapiro's carbon tax plan

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KDKA: Bald eagle pair welcomes second egg at the U.S. Steel Irvin Plant

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

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Mining

Observer-Reporter: Company gets go-ahead for underground limestone mine in Deemston

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Water

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