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Top DEP Stories

Sharon Herald: Report: High levels of cancer-causing radon present in many Pa. homes

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MyChesCo: Pennsylvania Homes Under Threat: High Levels of Radon Gas Detected in 40% of Residence

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-homes-under-threat-high-levels-of-radon-gas-detected-in-40-of-residences/>

KDKA: 40% of Pennsylvania homes may be exposing people to cancer-causing gas, American Lung Association says

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/40-percent-of-pennsylvania-homes-exposing-radon/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Report: High levels of cancer-causing radon present in many PA homes

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Fox56: January marks national radon action month; Pennsylvania DEP encourages home testing

<https://fox56.com/news/local/january-marks-national-radon-action-month-pennsylvania-dep-encourages-home-testing>

Towanda Daily Review: PA DEP highlights national radon action month; provides free test kits

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<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2024-01-02/pennsylvania-lawmakers-renewable-energy-goal>

WESA: Pennsylvania hits solar energy milestone; advocates say there's much more to do

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-01-03/pennsylvania-solar-energy-milestone>

The Conservation Lantern: Mine land reforestation (DEP column)

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Climate Change

WHYY: How Philly's 4 new City Council members plan to address trash, transit, and trees

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-city-council-orourke-ahmad-landau-young-climate-change/>

Conservation and Recreation

Post-Gazette: North Country Trail running through Butler County snags National Park Service recognition

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2024/01/03/north-country-trail-mconnells-mill-national-park-service/stories/202312290083>

Altoona Mirror: Area farms join state's preservation rolls

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Huntingdon Daily News: Friends group hosts hike at Trough Creek

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WHYY: 'Hefty savings': Philadelphia plans energy efficiency upgrades for city buildings

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Post-Gazette: Peoples Natural Gas asks regulators for rate increases for all customers

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WTAE: Evacuation after gas leak reported at Springdale senior-living high-rise

<https://www.wtae.com/article/springdale-manor-gas-leak-investigation-evacuation/46270430>

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WFMZ: 'Easy, lifesaving New Year's resolution!' Lung association urges Pennsylvanians to get free radon test kits

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Waste

CBS News Philadelphia: Here's where to recycle your Christmas tree in Philadelphia

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Grid: Philly's plastic bag ban has not been perfect, but it has significantly changed business and consumer behavior

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