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Top DEP Stories

Erie Times: High levels of deadly radon gas found in one-quarter of Erie County homes. Get your home tested.

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<https://www.fox29.com/news/radon-testing-still-extremely-important-in-pennsylvania-homes-for-lung-cancer-prevention>

KYW Newsradio: Health officials warn of radon detected at dangerous levels in 40% of Pennsylvania homes

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/warning-dangerous-levels-radon-pa-nj-homes>

FOX43: Health officials urge Pennsylvanians to test homes for radon

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/health/health-officials-urge-pennsylvanians-test-homes-radon/521-939ccd24-3748-4a57-b765-4375c32275fe>

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Mentions

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<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-01-04/pa-drilling-fees-2023-lowest>

Allegheny Front: PA. DRILLING FEES FOR 2023 ESTIMATED TO BE AMONG LOWEST ON RECORD

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-2023-impact-drilling-fees-fracking/>

LehighValley Live: Concerned about radon in your home? How to get started with testing.

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WETM: Minard Mine approval still unknown; deficiencies letter sent to construction company

<https://www.mytwintiers.com/news-cat/pennsylvania-news/minard-mine-approval-still-unknown-deficiencies-letter-sent-to-construction-company/>

Climate Change

York Dispatch: Hydrogen isn't clean if it adds to climate pollution. Biden's rules are a good start

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/opinion/editorials/2024/01/04/hydrogen-isnt-clean-if-it-adds-to-climate-pollution-bidens-rules-are-a-good-start/72105060007/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: At my farm, the creeks have run dry. We need a climate-smart Farm Bill.

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/farm-bill-climate-crisis-extreme-weather-20240104.html>

Conservation and Recreation

WJET-TV: PFBC announces new days to apply for popular grant

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/pennsylvania-news/pfbc-announces-new-days-to-apply-for-popular-grant/>

WESA: Photography exhibition celebrates Frick Park in the midst and wake of COVID-19

<https://www.wesa.fm/arts-sports-culture/2024-01-04/photography-exhibition-frick-park>

Allegheny Front: PLANT WASTE FROM A BOTANIC GARDEN CREATES NATURAL HABITAT FOR INJURED BIRDS

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/native-habitat-injured-birds/>

Tribune Review: Conservation leader from Hampton finishes master's studies

<https://triblive.com/local/conservation-leader-from-hampton-finishes-masters-studies/>

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Allegheny Front: PA. LAWMAKERS DEBATE PROPOSAL TO RAISE STATE'S RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL

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Bloomberg: A No-Show Winter Is Upending the US Gas Market

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2024-01-03/us-gas-market-upended-by-no-show-winter>

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<https://www.timesonline.com/story/business/2024/01/03/peoples-gas-seeks-base-rate-hikes/72094960007/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pitt and Carnegie Mellon University close on sites for major development plans at Hazelwood Green

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/01/03/hazelwood-green-carnegie-mellon-pitt-almono.html>

Oil and Gas

E&E News: 4 oil and gas issues to watch in 2024

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Daily Courier: Learning about recycling

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Post-Gazette: These goats are hungry. Your Christmas Tree is on the menu.

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Post-Gazette: Bad ban

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WNEP: Recycling your old Christmas tree at the zoo

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/wayne-county/recycling-your-old-christmas-tree-at-the-zoo-claws-n-paws-lake-ariel-animals/523-04a4be03-81be-45d3-8e95-1003ea7c4c23>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Field a mess after fireworks

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/010224/page/1/story/field-a-mess-after-fireworks>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: No easy fix for illegal dumping (Editorial)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/122823/page/6/story/no-easy-fix-for-illegal-dumping>

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https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/costs-skyrocketing-for-proposed-rainbow-lake-dam-rehab/article_4814e13a-aa8d-11ee-9683-0b5c879dae6a.html

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Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Blog: People encouraged to get involved via feedback, resources as we gear up for a full slate scheduled in 2024

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