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Top DEP Stories

WITF/State Impact: With policy change, nearly a third of Pennsylvanians live in 'environmental justice' areas

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/07/18/with-policy-change-nearly-a-third-of-pennsylvanians-live-in-environmental-justice-areas/>

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Philadelphia Inquirer: Gov. Wolf should move forward with methane regulations | Opinion

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York Dispatch: Study links air pollution to drop in national park visitors

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Chambersburg Public Opinion: Midstate inhales dirty air half the year, but Franklin County breathes easy

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Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Heed Pope's climate message

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Pittsburgh Green Story: Allegheny Land Trust Gains 12-Acres, Preserves Vital Green Space

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Allentown Morning Call: Study: National parks get fewer visits when pollution rises

<http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/mc--nws-national-parks-pollution-20180718-story.html>

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Pennlive: Worley & Obetz CEO accused of gaining \$1 million in 'massive' fraud

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Tribune-Review: Natural gas power plant in South Huntingdon will stabilize water rates, officials say

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