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Top DEP Stories

Grist.org: ‘Roadspreading’ returns: How Pennsylvania’s oil industry quietly dumped waste across the state

<https://grist.org/regulation/roadspreading-pennsylvania-fracking-waste/>

Mentions

Bradford Era: Another \$11M earmarked to plug orphan, abandoned wells

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Times Observer: Commission to remove fishing restrictions at Chapman effective Jan. 1

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/07/commission-to-remove-fishing-restrictions-at-chapman-effective-jan-1/>

Mon Valley Independent: Residents sought to help monitor pollution

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/07/24/residents-sought-to-help-monitor-pollution/>

Standard Speaker: State funding awarded to develop mine-scarred land in Hazle Twp.

https://www.standardpeaker.com/news/business/state-funding-awarded-to-develop-mine-scarred-land-in-hazle-twp/article_9262eea6-e542-5a77-bbe5-7eb9d21aaa27.html

WITF/StateImpact: Pa. hopes to regulate carbon storage wells with new law

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/07/23/pa-hopes-to-regulate-carbon-storage-wells-with-new-law/>

Bartram Garden/51st Street Alliance Contamination

Delaware Currents: Handling of chemical contamination near Bartram’s Garden trail draws fire

<https://delawarecurrents.org/2024/07/24/bartrams-garden-trail/>

Air

Clearfield Progress: Curwensville Boro Council takes no action on burning ordinance

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/curwensville-boro-council-takes-no-action-on-burning-ordinance/article_06526782-4924-11ef-b4b4-b30b83718e31.html

Climate Change

Axios: Heat islands raise temps for most Philadelphians

<https://www.axios.com/local/philadelphia/2024/07/23/philadelphia-hottest-neighborhoods-heat-islands>

Reading Eagle: European climate agency: Last Sunday was the hottest day on Earth in all recorded history

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/07/23/european-climate-agency-last-sunday-was-the-hottest-day-on-earth-in-all-recorded-history-2/>

Press Enterprise: Climate agency: Sunday was the hottest day on Earth ever recorded

https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/apnews/climate-agency-sunday-was-the-hottest-day-on-earth-ever-recorded#google_vignette

Conservation and Recreation

TAPinto Doylestown: Central Bucks Students Join Forces to Transform Buckingham Wetlands

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/doylestown/sections/green/articles/central-bucks-students-join-forces-to-transform-buckingham-wetlands>

The Allegheny Front: A section of Clear Creek State Forest is recognized as old-growth

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/a-section-of-clear-creek-state-forest-is-recognized-as-old-growth/>

Drought

FOX43: York County orchard explains effects of drought on blueberries

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/how-drought-impacts-blueberries-at-york-county-orchard-weather-summer-hot-water-food/521-6fbf7c2a-f7d0-4f87-ab12-6a80bdcbf7e9>

Energy

Pennlive: Federal dollars driving energy policy in Pa. toward solar, hydrogen

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/07/federal-dollars-driving-energy-policy-in-pa-toward-solar-hydrogen.html>

Central Penn Business Journal: New clean energy initiative announced for small businesses

<https://www.cpbj.com/new-clean-energy-initiative-announced-for-small-businesses/>

WFMZ: Electric vehicle drivers: Here are the national, state parks with chargers

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Shamokin Daily Item: Federal dollars driving energy policy in Pennsylvania toward solar, hydrogen

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Record-Argus: Nearly \$1M going to redevelop former Damascus site on Rt. 18

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WESA: Pa. hopes to regulate carbon storage wells with new law

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-07-23/pennsylvania-carbon-storage-wells-new-law>

Oil and Gas

Bradford Era: Two local supervisors to testify at brine spreading hearing

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Vector Management

CBS Philly 57: Lyme disease cases on the rise in Montgomery County: "There's something big happening here and we need to fix it"

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/lyme-disease-montgomery-county-pennsylvania-lyme-light-now-mosquito-hunters/>

Waste

Erie Times: Government loan promise gives Erie's International Recycling Group \$182 million boost

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/07/23/erie-pa-industrial-recycling-group-182-million-loan-promise-us-department-energy-irg-mitch-hecht/74490413007/>

Erie News Now: International Recycling Group Gets \$182.6M Loan from U.S. Department of Energy for Plastics Recycling Facility in Erie

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/51076362/international-recycling-group-gets-dollar1826m-loan-from-us-department-of-energy-for-plastics-recycling-facility-in-erie>

Latrobe Bulletin: City officials continue to weigh trash options

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https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/montco-based-trash-hauling-company-sold/article_1b4543c0-492f-11ef-8130-0b1a706cff54.html

Water

Morning Call: 'This is not progress': Lowhill Township officials, residents denounce proposed warehouse at DEP hearing

<https://www.mcall.com/2024/07/24/this-is-not-progress-lowhill-township-officials-residents-denounce-proposed-warehouse-at-dep-hearing/>

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