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Top DEP Stories

Pa Environmental Digest: DEP: Shell Petrochemical Plant Fire Resulted In Possible Release Of An Unknown Quantity Of 1,3-Butadiene And Benzene Into The Atmosphere In Beaver County
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/06/dep-shell-petrochemical-plant-fire.html>

Mentions

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<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/06/06/blue-hole-creek-somerset-county-unsafe-to-drink-lead-concentrations/84032796007/>

Erie Times: Nonprofit, Pittsburgh students, Millcreek Township work to plug orphan well in Erie County
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/06/05/orphan-well-plug-millcreek-pa-well-done-pittsburgh-allderdice-reimer-family/84045871007/?tbref=hp>

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York Dispatch: Record-breaking heat is becoming the norm. Here's what it means for York County.
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Allegheny Front: Pa. solar installers say GOP's U.S. House tax bill is a 'disaster' for business
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-solar-house-gop-tax-bill-inflation-reduction-act/>

Sun-Gazette: Solar developers answer questions on proposed Muncy-area energy project
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/06/solar-developers-answer-questions-on-proposed-muncy-area-energy-project/>

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Record-Argus: Work would look for old Trinity rights-of-way
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Mining

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Philly Burbs: Hilltown permanently closes community park. Why it's unsafe for visitors
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Waste

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Water

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KDKA: Pittsburgh homeowner and water company debate responsibility for growing sinkhole

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-homeowner-water-company-growing-sinkhole/>

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/laceyville-under-boil-advisory/>

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