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Top DEP Stories

WHYY: Pa.'s new environmental justice policy doesn't solve the problem, advocates say
<https://whyy.org/articles/pa-dep-environmental-justice-policy-critics/>

Mentions

Republican Herald: DEP finds compliance at NSP site near Tremont, other than odor control system
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WESA: Research by public health experts shows 'damning' evidence on the harms of fracking
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-10-28/fracking-negative-health-effects-research>

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WPXI: Abandoned mine subsidence damages VFW, local homes
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/abandoned-mine-subsidence-damages-vfw-local-homes/HERTMXIJ4BDBPDSZQJ3EJOBVXE/>

WESA: Pennsylvania's new environmental justice policy includes more communities impacted by pollution
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-10-29/pennsylvania-new-environmental-justice-policy-dep>

KDKA: Pennsylvania DEP investigating oil on Monongahela River near McKeesport
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/oil-monongahela-river-mckeesport/>

East Palestine Derailment

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<https://www.unionprogress.com/2023/10/29/notes-from-times-beach-to-east-palestine-dont-give-up-and-do-it-as-a-community/>

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/film-screening-next-in-75th-anniversary-observance-of-deadly-donora-smog-disaster/>

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Times Observer: After-school program gives students something extra 'special'
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2023/10/after-school-program-gives-students-something-extra-special/>

Allegheny Front: PENNSYLVANIA PROGRAM HELPS RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES CONVERT LAWNS TO MEADOWS
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-lawn-conversion-native-plants-meadows/>

PA Environment Digest Blog: Lebanon County Conservation District Hosts Successful Swatara Creek Water Quality Field Day
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/10/lebanon-county-conservation-district.html>

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<https://triblive.com/local/western-pennsylvania-energy-consortium-to-use-clean-energy-from-ohio-wind-farm/>

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<https://6abc.com/southwark-school-students-philadelphia-education-relocation/13989834/>

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