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## Top DEP Stories

WESA: Sunoco Pays \$85,000 For Spills In Four Pennsylvania Counties

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WESA: Jobs Or The Environment? Ahead Of 2022, Pennsylvania Democrats Thread Needle On 'False Choice'

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<https://www.ehn.org/pittsburgh-fracking-2654712173/there-is-a-failure-of-state-agencies-to-regulate-this-industry>

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Lock Haven Express: Renovo, dying for jobs (LTE)

<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2021/08/renovo-dying-for-jobs/>

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Butler Eagle: Pa. Senate opposes carbon tax initiative

<http://www.butlereagle.com/article/20210819/NEWS02/210819453/-1/news>

Indiana Gazette: Senate committee authorizes anti-RGGI letter to state regulatory commission

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Lock Haven Express: Carbon capture technology (LTE)

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Mon Valley Independent: Backyard Habitat Program beautifies area homes

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Mon Valley Independent: Planning commission opposes zoning change

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## **Waste**

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