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Top DEP Stories

Beaver County Times: DEP announces \$1.3 million secured in recovery cost for Pool Doctor emergency clean up

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2024/08/16/dep-reaches-agreement-recovery-cost-for-pool-doctor-emergency-response-rochester-beaver-county/74830003007/>

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My ChesCo: DEP and Arxada, LLC Reach Consent Decree Over Beaver County Site Cleanup

https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/dep-and-arxada-llc-reach-consent-decree-over-beaver-county-site-cleanup/#google_vignette

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<https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/readers/2024/08/16/getting-pas-economy-on-the-fast-track-by-cutting-regulations/74810363007/>

Mentions

Inside Climate News: After Partnering With the State to Monitor Itself, a Pennsylvania Gas Company Declares Its Fracking Operations ‘Safe’

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Climate Change

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/08/16/spacex-methane-satellite-super-polluters/stories/202408170029>

Conservation and Recreation

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/new-law-requires-native-vegetation-on-pennsylvania-highways/>

Bucks County Today: Eco-Friendly Deer Repellent Services Now Available in New Hope
<https://bucksco.today/2024/08/deer-solution-new-hope/>

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Mining

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