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Top DEP Stories

PA Environmental Digest Blog: Covanta Environmental Solutions, LLC Pays DEP \$400,000 Penalty To Resolve Waste Violations In Lawrence County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2019/12/covanta-environmental-solutions-llc.html>

WFMJ: New Castle facility faces \$400,000 fine for waste violations

<https://www.wfmj.com/story/41459990/new-castle-faces-dollar400000-fine-for-waste-facility-violations>

Mentions

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Times Observer: DEP follows up on oil spill

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2019/12/dep-follows-up-on-oil-spill/>

Solomon's Words Blog: DEP Obtains \$400,000 Civil Penalty Against Covanta Environmental Solutions, LLC For Waste Violations

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Air

Pennlive: Before scrapping Pa.'s annual auto emissions inspections, lawmakers call for a study first

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Post-Gazette: Ellen Boucher: The dangers of depicting Greta Thunberg as a prophet

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Observer-Reporter: Lawsuit continues over closed Donora Zinc Works emissions

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Energy

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Delaware County Daily Times: Uwchlan police make two arrests at pipeline site

<https://www.dailylocal.com/tncms/asset/editorial/cd72d3f6-20d9-11ea-821c-cb01f6846ba8/>

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The Guardian: Rainwater in parts of US contain high levels of PFAS chemical, says study

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