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## **Mentions**

PA Environment Digest Blog: Grant Twp. Indiana County Defends Itself Against Another Lawsuit By PA General Energy Company Over Its Ordinance Banning Drilling Waste Injection Wells Based On Environmental Rights Amendment  
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<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/12/14/pennsylvania-river-of-the-year/>

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## **Oil and Gas**

Beaver County Times: No injuries reported in cracker plant container fire  
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/2020/12/14/no-injuries-reported-cracker-plant-container-fire/6537862002/>

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Observer-Reporter: Fuel prices plummet in city, drop elsewhere in region

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