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Top DEP Stories

Ground News: Cameron County remains under drought watch

<https://ground.news/article/cameron-county-remains-under-drought-watch>

Scranton Times-Tribune: Dunmore councilwoman asks Shapiro for increased monitoring at Keystone Sanitary Landfill

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/dunmore-councilwoman-asks-shapiro-for-increased-monitoring-at-keystone-sanitary-landfill/article_fd1d49bf-54db-54cc-84e9-ea71165569fe.html

Mentions

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/lawsuit-alleges-clean-water-act-violations-from-beaver-county-plastics-manufacturer/>

Beaver County Times: Federal lawsuit claims Styropek polluted Beaver County waterways

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/environment/2023/12/05/federal-lawsuit-claims-styropek-polluted-beaver-county-waterways/71814072007/>

Air

Lancaster Newspapers: Study on traffic emissions expands Millersville University's efforts to assess local air quality

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Climate Change

Philadelphia Inquirer: Four ways Pa. can prepare for climate change

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/cop28-climate-conference-dubai-extreme-weather-20231205.html>

KDKA: Climate solutions from the Arctic, the fastest-warming place on Earth

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/climate-solutions-arctic-svalbard-norway-fastest-warming-place/>

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Erie Times: George Washington's route to Waterford could be designated as a national historic trail

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2023/12/06/bill-george-washingtons-trail-waterford-pa-part-of-national-trails-system-erie-french-and-indian/71809589007/>

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Reading Eagle: State grant will help convert lawns to meadows

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Lehigh Valley Live: For outdoors-loving non-hunters, here's how to avoid getting shot during deer season

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2023/12/for-outdoors-loving-non-hunters-heres-how-to-avoid-getting-shot-during-deer-season.html>

Republican Herald: \$277,657 in grants awarded to Schuylkill Conservation District

https://www.republicanherald.com/news/277-657-in-grants-awarded-to-schuylkill-conservation-district/article_3189a630-9214-50f8-817c-4a162a17e63f.html

Standard Speaker: DCNR approves grants for city parks Columbus Court and pine street park playground

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Erie Times: Venango supervisors delay solar farm vote, saying court otherwise could overturn decision

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2023/12/05/venango-supervisors-delay-vote-on-proposed-solar-farm-until-january-renewable-energy-erie-county/71809576007/>

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The Allegheny Front: LAWSUIT CLAIMS APPROVALS TO FRACK OHIO STATE LANDS VIOLATED LAW

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/fracking-ohio-state-parks-wildlife-areas-lawsuit/>

Tribune-Review: Southwestern Pa. enjoying low natural gas prices after large drop from last year
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/southwestern-pa-enjoying-low-natural-gas-prices-after-large-drop-from-last-year/>

Post-Gazette: Mark P. Mills: To reduce the world's use of hydrocarbons, we need to use ... more hydrocarbons
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2023/12/06/mills-hydrocarbons-energy-transition-oil-gas-coal/stories/202312060007>

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/natural-gas-smell-causes-evacuation-at-plum-middle-school/>

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/12/pennsylvania-may-see-biggest-drop-in-decade-for-new-gas-wells/>

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RGGI

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Vector Management

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Delaware Currents: Sewage is overflowing into Philly's rivers. Is the city's \$2B+ fix working?

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WESA: New Pennsylvania task force to increase accessibility to flood insurance

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Observer-Reporter: Canonsburg council to vote on joint sewer authority sale

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Pocono Record: Pennsylvania native Outdoors Allie turns love of hunting, outdoors into influencer career

<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/sports/outdoors/2023/12/06/social-media-influencer-hunting-fishing-butcher-cooking-allie-dandrea-pittsburgh-native/71800206007/>