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Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: Renewable natural gas plant operator at Keystone Landfill begins test drilling for underground carbon dioxide storage

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/02/12/renewable-natural-gas-plant-operator-at-keystone-landfill-begins-test-drilling-for-underground-carbon-dioxide-storage/>

Mentions

WHYY: 70 gallons of gasoline spill in Cheltenham, infiltrate sewer system and Tookany Creek

<https://whyy.org/articles/cheltenham-gasoline-spill-sewer-system-tookany-creek/>

KDKA: After clearing a tanker truck crash on Route 28, the cleanup of the waterways continued Wednesday

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/route-28-tanker-truck-crash-and-cleanup/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Lawmaker: ‘Get government out of the way’

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/02/lawmaker-get-government-out-of-the-way/>

PA Environment Digest: What The Shale Gas Industry Is Leaving Behind: DEP Signs Consent Order With Roulette Oil & Gas To Plug Shale Gas Well Abandoned For 8 Years In Hebron Twp., Potter County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/02/what-shale-gas-industry-is-leaving.html>

Marcellus Drilling News: Roulette O&G Dinged by PA DEP for Inactive Well in Potter County

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Avian Influenza

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Counties on guard for bird flu; Officials keeping watch over geese, other fowl as cases pop up in state

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/021025/page/1/story/counties-on-guard-for-bird-flu>

Conservation and Recreation

WJET-TV: Presentation held focusing on proposed Lake Erie National Marine Sanctuary

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Huntingdon Daily News: Trail project topic for Feb. 17 meeting

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: National Aviary to turn former Shady Side Academy Middle School into new conservancy thanks to local philanthropist

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/02/12/national-aviary-rockwell-shady-side-middle-school.html>

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/national-aviary-to-shady-side-academy-middle-school-donation/63778272>

Tribune-Review: Shady Side Academy middle school to be donated to National Aviary

<https://triblive.com/local/fox-chapel/shady-side-academy-middle-school-to-be-donated-to-national-aviary/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pritzker delays \$1.2B Great Lakes invasive carp project over concerns Trump won't cover federal share

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Energy

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<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/columns/2025/02/13/pennsylvania-clean-energy-jobs-solar-union-trump-fossil-fuels-electricity-lake-erie-economy/77999401007/?tbref=hp>

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Lancaster Online: Trump order freezes outstanding Agriculture Department grants in Lancaster County

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The Mon Valley Independent: Consumer advocate should be independent

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Tribune-Review: Butler County storage facility in spotlight after Elon Musk mention

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