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### **Top DEP Stories**

Butler Eagle: Governor Shapiro: Concord Township oil well marks 200th plugged in 14 month span  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240312/governor-shapiro-concord-township-oil-well-marks-200th-plugged-in-14-month-span/>

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[https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article\\_81a9c434-e0a1-11ee-b514-cf39d3085992.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article_81a9c434-e0a1-11ee-b514-cf39d3085992.html)

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Philly Voice: DEP ramps up efforts to plug leaking, abandoned methane wells  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/methane-wells-leaking-emissions-pa-dep-shapiro/>

Towanda Daily Review: New Albany Borough fields resident concerns, discusses study for new sewer plant  
[https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/new-albany-borough-fields-resident-concerns/article\\_6d113936-969b-55ac-9a67-9e5fb821d35a.html](https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/new-albany-borough-fields-resident-concerns/article_6d113936-969b-55ac-9a67-9e5fb821d35a.html)

### **Crescent House Explosion**

Butler Eagle: 2 dead in house explosion near Pittsburgh  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240312/explosion-destroys-house-in-pittsburgh-area-no-official-word-on-any-deaths-injuries/>

New Castle News: Man, woman found dead after explosion destroys house in Pittsburgh area; cause under investigation

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WTAE: WATCH: Destruction left behind from Crescent Township house explosion  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/crescent-explosion-videos/60176578>

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/crescent-township-house-explosion-witness-interview/60176164>

WPXI: 'Complete devastation': Man, woman killed in Crescent Township house explosion  
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<https://triblive.com/local/complete-devastation-crescent-fire-chief-confirms-2-dead-in-house-explosion/>

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/crescent-house-explosion-marks-3rd-in-western-pa-since-summer/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/west/2024/03/12/crescent-house-explosion-allegheny-county/stories/202403120088>

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KDKA: A recent history of house explosions in the Pittsburgh area  
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KDKA: Explosion levels Crescent Township home and leaves 2 people dead  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/pictures/photos-crescent-township-house-explosion-two-people-dead/>

WTAE: Man and woman killed in Crescent Township house explosion  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/crescent-township-explosion/60174791>

NBC: Man and woman found dead at scene of 'severe' house explosion in Pennsylvania  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/man-woman-found-dead-scene-severe-house-explosion-pennsylvania-rcna143012>

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## **Train Derailment**

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