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Top DEP Stories

Times Observer: State's \$100,000+ cost to plug orphan wells 'outrageously enormous'
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/09/states-100000-cost-to-plug-orphan-wells-outrageously-enormous/>

Mentions

CoalRegionCanary.com: Natural Soil Products receives Notice of Violation by DEP
<https://coalregioncanary.com/2024/09/13/natural-soil-products-notice-of-violation-solid-waste-management-act-pennsylvania-dep/>

Post-Gazette: What's the health risk of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells? Pa. regulators want to know
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/09/13/health-risk-abandoned-orphan-wells-dep/stories/202409130023>

Climate Change

WESA: The PA Flax Project wants to use a 'climate-positive' plant to transform the fashion industry
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-09-15/pa-flax-project-fashion-industry>

Allegheny Front: Here's what Harris and Trump said about climate change in Tuesday's debate
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/presidential-debate-trump-harris-climate-change-fracking/>

Politico: Big steelmaker weighs abandoning \$500M Biden climate grant
<https://www.politico.com/news/2024/09/13/steelmaker-biden-climate-grant-00179145>

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Allegheny Front: Nonprofit preserves family land in Susquehanna County for future generations to enjoy
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/susquehanna-county-pecks-preserve-countryside-conservancy/>

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Tribune-Review: Greensburg approves plan to improve infrastructure for walking, cycling

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Pittsburgh Union Progress: Parks Conservancy adds new fall programs for all age groups to nurture love of nature

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/09/16/parks-conservancy-adds-new-fall-programs-for-all-age-groups-to-nurture-love-of-nature/>

Tribune-Review: Construction to begin for 1-mile Leechburg bike trail

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/construction-to-begin-for-1-mile-leechburg-bike-trail/>

Tribune-Review: Unity supervisors give solicitor 'clean slate' to address ATV use, reject resident's proposal

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/unity-supervisors-give-solicitor-clean-slate-to-address-atv-use-reject-residents-proposal/>

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Tribune-Review: Drought conditions hit Pittsburgh after spell of warm, dry weather

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/091524/page/1/story/talen-buys-properties>

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WESA: Pa. gas drilling slowed in spring 2024, prices expected to rise this winter

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<https://whyy.org/articles/rain-gardens-philadelphia-schools-nature-conservancy/>

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