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Top DEP Stories

StateImpact PA: Mariner East pipeline is set to be completed in 2022, after years of environmental damage and delays

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2021/12/24/mariner-east-pipeline-is-set-to-be-completed-in-2022-after-years-of-environmental-damage-and-delays/>

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Post-Gazette: Fire at Galaxy compressor occurred during pipeline work

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2021/12/24/natural-gas-pipeline-fire-galaxy-compressor-station-butler-county-energy-transfer-pigging/stories/202112240048>

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RGGI

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