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Top DEP Stories

WTAE: 'Important that people are watching': Beaver Co. resident on Shell's air emissions violation
<https://www.wtae.com/article/beaver-co-shells-air-emissions-violation-reactions/42261325>

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<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2022-12-15/shell-air-pollution-soars-during-startup-of-beaver-county-cracker-plant>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/shell-violations-air-pollution-beaver-county-ethane-cracker-plant/>

KDKA Radio: DEP issues emission violation to Shell Cracker plant in Beaver
<https://www.audacy.com/kdkaradio/news/local/dep-issues-emission-violation-to-shell-cracker-plant>

Pittsburgh City Paper: Shell cracker plant exceeded annual emissions limits before its full-scale launch
<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/shell-cracker-plant-exceeded-annual-emissions-limits-before-its-full-scale-launch/Content?oid=22981040>

Allegheny Front: WESTERN PA. CONTRACTOR FINED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING OF OIL AND GAS WASTE
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/western-pa-contractor-fined-for-illegal-dumping-of-oil-and-gas-waste/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121622/page/1/story/berwick-sewer-bills-to-rise>

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Deerfield reviews stream bank stabilization plan
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/deerfield-reviews-stream-bank-stabilization-plan/article_0b4fea06-7a2d-11ed-9001-dbcd9a1fa955.html#tncms-source=login

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Beaver County Radio: New EPA Methane Rules Could Translate to PA Jobs
<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/new-epa-methane-rules-could-translate-to-pa-jobs/>

Public News Service: New EPA Methane Rules Could Translate to PA Jobs
<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2022-12-16/energy-policy/new-epa-methane-rules-could-translate-to-pa-jobs/a81852-1>

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<https://nextpittsburgh.com/business-tech-news/inside-pittsburgh-tech-algenairs-aerium-isnt-a-lava-lamp-its-the-future-of-air-cleaning/>

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2022/12/16/pa-announces-farm-preservation-that-includes-berks-chester-montgomery-counties/>

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Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Preservation program accepting applications
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/preservation-program-accepting-applications/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Plan your spring 2023 tree planting now
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/plan-your-spring-2023-tree-planting-now/>

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Lancaster Farming: Farmer Proposes Median Strips for Solar Projects Instead of Farmland
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Mon Valley Independent: Guttman Energy enters new phase with employee ownership
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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/penns-valley/article270083987.html>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Electric bills could double under pending carbon tax scheme
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/electric-bills-could-double-under-pending-carbon-tax-scheme/>

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/plans-for-solar-bonding-and-decommissioning-reintroduced/>

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Waste

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