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Top DEP Stories

Post-Gazette: Gov. Wolf proposes to speed up Pa. gas-well permit reviews, hike fees

<http://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2018/01/26/Gov-Wolf-proposes-to-speed-up-Pa-gas-well-permit-reviews-hike-fees/stories/201801260171>

Philly.com: Wolf proposes to speed up Pa. gas-well permit reviews, hike fees

<http://www.philly.com/philly/business/energy/wolf-proposes-to-speed-up-pa-gas-well-permit-reviews-hike-fees-20180126.html>

Environmental Defense Fund: Pennsylvania streamlines permit process for oil and gas sites

<https://www.edf.org/media/pennsylvania-streamlines-permit-process-oil-and-gas-sites>

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https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/01/26/mariner-east-2-texts-raise-questions-about-wolf-administration-role-in-permitting-process/?_ga=2.13237365.31897058.1517233365-1758981886.1515592228

Philadelphia Tribune: Gov., Dept. of Environmental Protection take action on permit process

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2018/01/26/dep-wants-to-more-than-double-well-permit-fees.html>

Law360: Pa. Gov, DEP Say Reforms, More Staff Will Cut Permit Delays

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Air

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WESA: American Lung Association Gives PA's Tobacco Policies D-Average

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Climate Change

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: NASA, NOAA rebut climate skeptics

<http://triblive.com/opinion/letters/13211033-74/letter-to-the-editor-nasa-noaa-rebut-climate-skeptics>

WESA: In the dead of winter, plants are already starting to prepare for spring — underground

<http://wesa.fm/post/dead-winter-plants-are-already-starting-prepare-spring-underground#stream/0>

Allegheny Front: Pittsburgh's Nights Getting Hotter. But Not in the Way You Think.

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pittsburghs-nights-getting-hotter-but-not-in-the-way-you-think/>

Reading Eagle: Letter: Clean Power Plan shouldn't be repealed

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/letter-clean-power-plan-shouldnt-be-repealed>

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FOX43: Underwater robots to measure Antarctica climate threat

<http://fox43.com/2018/01/29/underwater-robots-to-measure-antarctica-climate-threat/>

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<http://triblive.com/state/pennsylvania/13196274-74/pennsylvania-bats-some-species-headed-for-extinction>

Post-Gazette: 51 new cases of CWD in state

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Tribune-Review: Natural gas-fueled power plants on rise
<http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/13175028-74/natural-gas-fueled-power-plants-on-rise>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/what-does-trumps-tax-on-solar-power-mean-for-pennsylvania/>

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Mining

Tribune-Review: New report assesses impact of coal mining's decline on Appalachia
<http://triblive.com/local/regional/13228054-74/new-report-assesses-impact-of-coal-minings-decline-on-appalachia>

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<http://wesa.fm/post/coal-company-watershed-group-reach-settlement-over-new-mine#stream/0>

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<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/president-donald-trump-said-coal-miners-in-southwestern-pennsylvania-would-be-put-back-to-work-one-year-later-is-that-happening/Content?oid=6327081>

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<http://www.lvb.com/article/20180126/BERKS/180129902/commercial-park-in-hamburg-to-get-1m-gas-pipeline>

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Water

WNEP: DEP: Avoca Flood Control Not Working Properly
<http://wnep.com/2018/01/26/dep-avoca-flood-control-not-working-properly/>

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<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2018/01/26/PWSA-approves-new-policy-replace-both-public-and-private-lead-lines/stories/201801260135>

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<http://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/bald-eagle/article196996359.html>

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