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## Top DEP Stories

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[https://www.tribdem.com/news/grant-takes-aim-at-abandoned-mine-safety-issues-near-incline/article\\_79db1e68-ff17-11ed-8295-7779e1d27d9f.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/grant-takes-aim-at-abandoned-mine-safety-issues-near-incline/article_79db1e68-ff17-11ed-8295-7779e1d27d9f.html)

## East Palestine Derailment

Cleveland 19: Independent testing finds dangerous chemicals at East Palestine family's farm  
<https://www.cleveland19.com/2023/05/30/independent-testing-finds-dangerous-chemicals-east-palestine-familys-farm/>

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Butler Eagle: Boil Water advisory lifted in Marion Township  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230531/boil-water-advisory-lifted-in-marion-township/>

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[http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/05/slippery-rock-watershed-coalition\\_30.html](http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/05/slippery-rock-watershed-coalition_30.html)

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<https://www.penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/how-pa-lawmakers-are-clawing-back-the-states-power-to-plug-abandoned-wells/>

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PhillyBurbs: National Weather Service issues air quality alert Wednesday due to fire in Nova Scotia  
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/health/2023/05/31/air-quality-alert-code-orange-issued-national-weather-service-fire-nova-scotia/70272081007/>

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<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2023/05/some-pennsylvanians-may-see-haze-from-canadian-wildfire-today-in-pa.html>

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[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/nova-scotia-wildfire-means-unhealthy-air-quality-in-lancaster-county-on-wednesday/article\\_98c69ae6-ff26-11ed-acf4-dbd7a1a583a4.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/nova-scotia-wildfire-means-unhealthy-air-quality-in-lancaster-county-on-wednesday/article_98c69ae6-ff26-11ed-acf4-dbd7a1a583a4.html)

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