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Top DEP Stories

Republican Herald: DEP Secretary touts grant program, Pine Grove floodplain project

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/04/22/dep-secretary-touts-grant-program-pine-grove-floodplain-project/>

WFMZ: More funding announced for Pa. environmental projects as part of 'Growing Greener Plus Grant Program'

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Mentions

CBS3: Billions of gallons of sewage flowed through Philadelphia waterways in 1 year, analysis finds

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-water-sewage-stormwater-analysis/>

Air

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Beaver County Times: 2025 State of the Air report gives Beaver County passing grade

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Pittsburgh air quality ranks among worst in US, worsened by Canadian wildfires

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/04/23/air-quality-pittsburgh.html>

WTAE: 2025 State of the Air Report says wildfire smoke has impacted air quality in Pittsburgh

<https://www.wtae.com/article/2025-state-of-the-air-report-says-wildfire-smoke-has-impacted-air-quality-in-pittsburgh/64560378>

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WESA: American Lung Association gives Pittsburgh's air quality a failing grade

<https://www.wesa.fm/health-science-tech/2025-04-23/pittsburgh-fails-state-air-report-american-lung-association>

CBS3: Air quality in Philadelphia and South Jersey is getting worse due to wildfires, report says

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Climate Change

WITF: Pa. farmers among hundreds impacted by Trump admin's gutting of climate-friendly grants

<https://www.witf.org/2025/04/22/pa-farmers-among-hundreds-impacted-by-trump-admins-gutting-of-climate-friendly-grants/>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/cement-climate-trump-ira/>

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The Times Herald: The world's biggest companies have caused \$28 trillion in climate damage, a new study estimates

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Butler Eagle: Slippery Rock mayor proposes planting for monarch butterflies

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250423/slippery-rock-mayor-proposes-planting-for-monarch-butterflies/>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/earth-day-philadelphia-pgw-cherelle-parker/>

Delco Times: Butane leak at Energy Transfer in Marcus Hook contained
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Waste

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6abc: Earth Month: Philadelphia gets tough on illegal dumping

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WGAL: Brush fire burns hundreds of acres in Carbon County

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