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Top DEP Stories

WVIA: Penn State Extension to host PFAS forum, answer Columbia County residents' questions
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<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/08/27/orphan-wells-pa-state-officials-dealing-with-leaking-methane-gas-erie-region/85849742007/?tbref=hp>

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<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/08/dep-plugs-2-conventional-gas-wells.html>

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<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/dep-plugs-gas-leak-in-local-residential-area/>

WICU-TV: DEP Caps Leaking Gas Wells
<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/53036635/dep-caps-leaking-gas-wells>

Mentions

KDKA: Shell leaders mull possible sale of Beaver County cracker plant
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/shell-cracker-plant-beaver-county-possible-sale/>

Climate Change

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ABC27: Pennsylvania releases comprehensive state park trail data for hikers, visitors

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Data Centers

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: As storms pummel Pennsylvania, electric utilities are becoming less reliable

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Mining

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Range Resources CEO sees bright future for natural gas in Pennsylvania

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Vector Management

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Waste

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<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/trump-administration-flooding-mitigation-eastwick-delco-20250828.html>

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