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## Top DEP Stories

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<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/51014478/chesapeake-bay-report-card-c-grade-highest-since-2002>

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Newtown PA Now: Black Fly Spray To Hit Delaware River In Area

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KDKA: A pungent odor has plagued Pitcairn for years. An air sample canister hopes to ID the mystery smell.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pitcairn-odor-what-is-the-smell-air-sample-canister/>

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Bucks County Beacon: Photo Essay: EQAT Tells Vanguard to Stop Investing in Climate Destruction  
<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2024/07/photo-essay-eqat-tells-vanguard-to-stop-investing-in-climate-destruction/>

WHYY: An Excessive Heat Warning is in effect in Philly. Here's what to know to stay safe and cool  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-heat-wave-how-to-stay-cool-safe-cooling-centers-pools/>

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Erie Times: BHA weighs in on Sunday hunting in Pennsylvania, improves wildlife habitat across Pa.  
<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/07/10/backcountry-hunters-and-anglers-improves-waterways-public-lands-across-pennsylvania/74337106007/>

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## **Drought**

WITF: Does Pennsylvania need to prepare for a drought?  
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