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Top DEP Stories

Butler Eagle: Code orange air quality declared for Sunday, Monday

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<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/senator-steve-santarsiero-and-representative-perry-warren-send-a-letter-of-enforcement-to-the-pennsylvania-department-of-environmental-protection-against-sunoco-energy-transfer/>

The Reporter: Local officials ask Pennsylvania DEP to take enforcement action over Upper Makefield fuel leak cleanup
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York Dispatch: DEP declares Code Orange air quality alert day Monday for York County, eastern Pa.
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<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-code-orange-air-quality-alert/65148472>

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Climate Change

Morning Call: 'Dangerous' heat in the Lehigh Valley: What to expect, why nighttime won't bring relief and when it will break

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