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Top DEP Stories

Times News Online: Residents speak about solar farm

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Mentions

Coal Region Canary: Fetterman Further Confirms ICE Detention Centers Not Coming to Schuylkill, Berks Counties

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<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/06/dep-day-609-sample-results-confirm.html>

Patch.com: Opposition Mounts Over Data Center In Lower Bucks Co.

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/levittown/opposition-mounts-over-data-center-lower-bucks-co>

Air

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WNEP: Multiple crews called to massive fire in Allentown

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WFMZ: 'Ashes coming from the sky': Massive fire at former Allentown factory injures firefighter, displaces families

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WOLF56: Crews battling massive fire in Allentown, evacuations in order

<https://fox56.com/news/local/massive-fire-consuming-multiple-homes-in-allentown-evacuations-in-order>

Morning Call: Massive Allentown fire at former factory under control after raging for hours and damaging 8 homes across street

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WBRE28/22: Massive six-alarm fire chases Allentown residents from homes

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Climate Change

Centre Daily Times: Letters: Shapiro's broken environmental promises; Dangers of casino shouldn't be ignored

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Conservation and Recreation

Standard Speaker: A popular but deadly hiking trail will reopen in the Poconos

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Republican Herald: PSU Extension native plant sale runs through July 4

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