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Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: Pennsylvania American to provide clean drinking water in Dimock to replace fracking-contaminated private wells

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/03/12/pennsylvania-american-to-provide-clean-drinking-water-in-dimock-to-replace-fracking-contaminated-private-wells/>

WVIA: Pennsylvania American Water Company: Dimock Twp. residents will have drinkable water by 2026

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2025-03-12/pennsylvania-american-water-company-dimock-twp-residents-will-have-drinkable-water-by-2026>

Observer-Reporter: Shapiro touts capping of 300th well in North Franklin Township

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/mar/13/shapiro-touts-capping-of-300th-well-in-north-franklin-township/>

WTAE: Gov. Shapiro commemorates 300th plugged gas well in statewide DEP effort in Washington County

<https://www.wtae.com/article/gov-shapiro-300th-abandoned-orphaned-gas-well/64166169>

WPXI: Gov. Shapiro visits Washington County, celebrates efforts to cap abandoned wells

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/gov-shapiro-visits-washington-county-celebrates-efforts-cap-abandoned-wells/KRZBCGNZL5BBDGEJE4F277YZTI/>

WJPA: Governor Shapiro Plugs 300th Abandoned Well

<https://wjpa.com/news-archive/governor-shapiro-plugs-300th-abandoned-well/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Pa. plugs 300th orphaned or abandoned well

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Mentions

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PA Environment Digest: PA American Water Identifies Water Source For New Public Water System To Replace Water Wells Contaminated By Shale Gas Fracking 20 Years Ago In Dimock Twp., Susquehanna County

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SPS Fire

North Penn Now: Montgomery County recognizes first responders for efforts at SPS Technologies fire

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Air

York Daily Record: EPA to roll back regulations on power plant emissions, tailpipe pollution

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/politics/2025/03/12/epa-rollback-emissions-tailpipe-pollution/82325517007/>

Climate Change

WHYY/ Philadelphia Inquirer: EPA head says he'll roll back dozens of environmental regulations, including rules on climate change

<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/nation/trump-epa-climate-zeldin-power-plants-20250312.html?query=epa>

Lancaster Farming: Changing Weather Patterns Lead to Low Maple Syrup Yields

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/changing-weather-patterns-lead-to-low-maple-syrup-yields/article_435e0b97-be87-52cd-8ef1-fe45591bc607.html

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WHYY: Overbrook Elementary third graders are working to turn their asphalt schoolyard into a community green space

<https://whyy.org/articles/overbrook-elementary-philadelphia-asphalt-schoolyard-green-space/>

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Drought

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/031325/page/3/story/catawissa-township-supervisors-enact-burn-ban>

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<https://triblive.com/opinion/rep-leslie-rossi-jamie-barton-and-martin-causer-you-deserve-affordable-electricity/>

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WJET-TV: Does Pennsylvania's natural gas industry pay its fair share of taxes?
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Vector Management

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<https://whyy.org/articles/newtown-wastewater-treatment-plant-plan-paused/>

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Water

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<https://www.wtaj.com/news/pa-outdoors/pennsylvania-dcnr-issues-warning-as-wildfire-risk-is-high/>

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