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Top DEP Stories

The Derrick: Priority to plug old wells deepens for DEP

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Mentions

Times Leader: Legislative round up: DEP reduces permit backlog by 67% under Governor Shapiro

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Bradford Era: 'No help from any quarter'

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Air

Times News: Lack of rainfall brings burn bans

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Climate Change

WESA: Pretty much everywhere, it's gonna be wet: Pittsburgh-area planners prep for climate future

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Allegheny Front: Trump has derided Biden's landmark climate programs. Would he ditch hydrogen?

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trump-climate-change-hydrogen-elections/>

Post-Gazette: The true cost of climate change

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Bloomberg: Climate Activism Is No Longer a Young Person's Game

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Conservation and Recreation

MyChesCo: New Safety Rules and Access Boosts: Key Takeaways from PFBC's Quarterly Meeting

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WHYY: Staving off the horde: Is your beloved tree a zombie? Local arborists say check on it

<https://whyy.org/articles/what-is-a-zombie-tree-sick-dying/>

Bucks County Herald: More land preserved along Solebury's Phillips Mill Road

https://www.buckscountyherald.com/news/more-land-preserved-along-soleburys-phillips-mill-road/article_bc50b6c4-930c-11ef-8a21-777393752e5b.html

Mon Valley Independent: Historic Elizabeth sets Nov. 9 tree-planting

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/10/28/historic-elizabeth-sets-nov-9-tree-planting/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2024/10/26/spotted-lanternflies-plummet-90-allegheny-county/stories/202410230120>

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Drought

Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly matches a 125-year-old record for dryness, and the rainless streak continues

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/dryness-record-october-philadelphia-halloween-weather-20241028.html>

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Energy

WESA: Change will simplify applications for utility assistance in Pennsylvania

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WESA: Nobody is using \$2.6B in Pa. tax credits. Gov. Shapiro wants rewrite to boost electricity production

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-10-24/pennsylvania-tax-credits-electricity-production>

Next Pittsburgh: Pennsylvania's renewable energy growth is 'abysmal' for the second year in a row

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Autoneum planning plot shift; wants to downsize by selling buildings

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Observer-Reporter: Coal use diminishing

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Delco Times: Slo-mo decline in average gas price continues in Philly market

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Water

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