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Mentions

Pa Environment Digest Blog: An Estimated 336,000 Gallons Of Fracking Flowback Water Was Released During An Uncontrolled Shale Gas Well Incident At The INR OPR LLC Cooper Well Pad In Young Twp., Indiana County

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Reading Eagle: Schuylkill River Greenways receives \$650,000 for trail upkeep

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TribLive: Ligonier Township adopts data center rules with revisions planned

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WTAE: More than 100 pack Washington County fire hall as residents clash over data center project

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Meadville Tribune: What Shapiro's new data center order does — and doesn't — force developers to do

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<https://www.mcall.com/2026/09/01/yogurt-chobani-invest-lehigh-valley/>

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