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-- Financial Times: President's Iran War Is Ripping Across The US Economy At A Cost Of Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars In Lost Output, Soaring Fuel Prices, Rising Borrowing Costs, Supply Chain Disruptions [PDF of Article]

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-- **Today's Violations:** DEP inspection found **Frank L. Washabaugh Oil Producers** failed to comply with June 16, 2025 order to clean up releases from tanks at conventional well in **Washington County, Cross Creek Twp.** for 325 days and counting… DEP inspection report.
-- Today's Violations: DEP found **Michael D. Graham** failed to clean up spills at conventional well in **Washington County, Smith Twp.**, failed to respond to violations issued April 2, 2026-- 35 days and counting. DEP inspection report.
-- Today's Violations: DEP inspected 4 **Ows Energy LLC** conventional well sites in **Crawford County, Rome & Sparta Twps**. and found cracked, missing pipe to leaking wastewater tanks at each site. Multiple violations issued. DEP inspection report.
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-- Today's Violations: DEP inspected **EQT Chap LLC** shale gas well pad in **Fayette County,**

Redstone Twp. and found owner failed to conduct maintenance of long-term post-construction stormwater BMPS, failed to respond to April 13 violations. DEP inspection report.
-- Today's Violations: DEP inspected **Equitrans LP [EQT]** Swarts & Hunters Cave Gas Storage Area well replacement construction site in **Greene County, Center Twp**. and found owner failed to address significant erosion and sedimentation violations since March 9-- 58 days and counting. DEP inspection report.

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