

Some clips may be behind a paywall. If you need access to these clips, email me at trisfergus@pa.gov

Top DEP Stories

Daily Item: Environmental forum regarding regulatory review to be held tonight at Shikellamy High School

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/environmental-forum-regarding-regulatory-review-to-be-held-tonight-at-shikellamy-high-school/article_416a843a-36dd-11ee-bc14-6b24d7ff7e4d.html

East Palestine Derailment

KDKA: 3 former GOP operatives to pay \$50K for roles in a fake charity tied to E. Palestine derailment
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/3-former-gop-operatives-to-pay-50k-for-roles-in-a-fake-charity-tied-to-e-palestine-derailment-4/>

AP: EPA weighs formal review of vinyl chloride, the toxic chemical that burned in Ohio train derailment
<https://apnews.com/article/vinyl-chloride-ohio-train-derailment-toxic-chemicals-54bb0a943f4f4af0e4f68cc60ce4edb4>

New York Times: Before Joining Federal Safety Program, Freight Railroads Push to Change It
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/11/us/politics/ohio-train-railroad-safety.html>

Post-Gazette: Ohio attorney general settles lawsuit with 'scammers' targeting East Palestine donations
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2023/08/11/ohio-attorney-general-east-palestine-scammers/stories/202308110088>

Mentions

Erie Times: Erie Coke site seen as 'potential threat to human health and the environment'
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2023/08/11/erie-coke-contaminants-found-to-have-adversely-affected-lake-erie-benzene-dep-carcinogens-indictment/70561021007/>

York Dispatch: York Water Co. says 'algae byproducts' caused strange taste and smell of drinking water
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2023/08/11/york-water-company-says-algae-byproducts-caused-strange-taste-and-smell-of-drinking-water/70574416007/>

Times Leader: New stream in Luzerne County, correct damage from coal mining
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1617062/new-stream-corrects-damage-from-coal-mining>

Allegheny Front: PA. PARTICIPATION IN RGGI HAS BEEN HELD UP FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. WHAT HAS THE STATE LOST?
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/regional-greenhouse-gas-initiative-rggi-pennsylvania-lost-revenue/>

Post-Gazette: LIVES DERAILED
<https://newsinteractive.post-gazette.com/east-palestine-train-recovery/>

Climate Change

Pennlive: Humanity needs to change to protect the Earth for future generations

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2023/08/humanity-needs-to-change-to-protect-the-earth-for-future-generations-pennlive-letters.html>

Post-Gazette: Rebates, investments and jobs: White House touts impact of new laws on Pa.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2023/08/14/biden-pennsylvania-economy-climate-change-semiconductors/stories/202308110107>

Post-Gazette: Rebates, investments and jobs: White House touts impact of new laws on Pa.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2023/08/14/biden-pennsylvania-economy-climate-change-semiconductors/stories/202308110107>

Conservation and Recreation

Meadville Times: Editorial: Climate change could make Rust Belt a desirable place to live again

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/opinion/editorial-climate-change-could-make-rust-belt-a-desirable-place-to-live-again/article_dc722924-36ec-11ee-8abe-431980dfde9e.html

York Daily Record: Codorus Greenway will offer new West Bank trail, engage York community

<https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/2023/08/11/codorus-greenway-offers-new-west-bank-trail-engage-york-pa-community/70530890007/>

Reading Eagle: Riverzilla a chance to interact with the Schuylkill River and Reading's Riverfront Park

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/08/13/riverzilla-a-chance-to-interact-with-the-schuylkill-river-and-readings-riverfront-park/>

Gettysburg Times: Straban establishes land conservancy fund

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_21fc03ee-024a-59b4-8008-277abe8d3534.html

Philadelphia Inquirer: Waterfront trail with views of Delaware River opens in Tacony — two decades in the making

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/philadelphia-kt-trail-tacony-palmyra-bridge-20230811.html>

PhillyVoice: Paved walking and biking trail extension opens in Tacony along Delaware River

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/riverfront-trail-extension-opens-northeast-philly-delaware-river/>

MyChesCo: Protecting Pennsylvania's Biodiversity: Grants Available through Wild Resource Conservation Program

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/protecting-pennsylvanias-biodiversity-grants-available-through-wild-resource-conservation-program/>

Delco Times: Bloom where you're planted: Growing a home garden that thrives

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/08/12/bloom-where-youre-planted-growing-a-home-garden-that-thrives/>

WHYY: Your self-guided tour of Bucks County's covered bridges

<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-bucks-county-covered-bridges-self-guided-driving-tour/>

The Reporter: Mary Yardley pedestrian bridge on Delaware Canal being replaced

<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2023/08/14/mary-yardley-pedestrian-bridge-on-delaware-canal-being-replaced/>

AL DÍA News: Philadelphia National Park Service appoints new chief of interpretation and education

<https://aldianews.com/en/local/philadelphia/park-service-appointee>

Allegheny Front: PENNSYLVANIA'S PORTION OF LAKE ERIE ON TRACK TO BECOME A NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/lake-erie-pennsylvania-shipwrecks-national-marine-sanctuary/>

Daily Courier: Keystone State Park nominated for best destination for fall foliage

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/keystone-state-park-nominated-for-best-destination-for-fall-foliage/article_3ea02774-35dd-11ee-95ea-2fdcdacb861d.html

Energy

Bradford Era: Penn State Extension to offer Solar Law Symposium

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/penn-state-extension-to-offer-solar-law-symposium/article_a349984c-39fa-11ee-9018-c31cc2b6889c.html

WJAC: Community reacts to Johnstown store installing electric vehicle charging stations

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/community-reacts-to-johnstown-store-installing-ev-charging-stations#>

Tribune-Review: Ethan Brown: New EPA tailpipe standards call electric vehicle promises into question

<https://triblive.com/opinion/ethan-brown-new-epa-tailpipe-standards-call-electric-vehicle-promises-into-question/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Air conditioners cause problems

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-air-conditioners-cause-problems/>

Mining

Post-Gazette: Consol's shift in strategy has most of its coal going abroad, preventing panic over proposed limits

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/08/13/consol-coal-plants-india-egypt-cement-epa/stories/202308130044>

Oil and Gas

Observer-Reporter: Pitt to present results of environmental health studies

https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/pitt-to-present-results-of-environmental-health-studies/article_9318dc8c-3877-11ee-bd37-5f5cd33b5d44.html

AP: US appeals court dismisses motion challenging permits for natural gas pipeline
<https://apnews.com/article/mountain-valley-pipeline-west-virginia-dismiss-23307ce686c193a40cfcfd2b78866bfe>

Vector Management

Erie Times: West Nile virus returns to Erie County. Who is most at risk?
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/healthcare/2023/08/11/west-nile-virus-returns-to-erie-county-pa-as-mosquitoes-test-positive-millcreek-harborcreek-fairview/70568570007/>

Delco Times: Delaware County restaurant inspections: Toss the cheese, hot dogs not hot enough and those pesky pest reminders
<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/08/14/delaware-county-restaurant-inspections-toss-the-cheese-hot-dogs-not-hot-enough-and-those-pesky-pest-reminders/>

Waste

Lancaster Newspapers: Lancaster Twp. could be the first municipality in the county to ban single-use plastic bags
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-twp-could-be-the-first-municipality-in-the-county-to-ban-single-use-plastic/article_a15dcb56-386b-11ee-bd55-233f401e8f6e.html

Lancaster Newspapers: Terre Hill Borough Council mulls waste management services
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/terre-hill-borough-council-mulls-waste-management-services/article_7ae716fc-3713-11ee-8e4c-1f2e11bc8a79.html

Sun-Gazette: Improper disposal increases risks of fires at county's landfill
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/08/improper-disposal-increases-risks-of-fires-at-countys-landfill/>

Water

Indiana Gazette: Bacteria, algae keeping visitors away from Crooked Creek Lake
https://www.indianagazette.com/news/bacteria-algae-keeping-visitors-away-from-crooked-creek-lake/article_d03ace1d-0fa5-51ba-8a1d-f9c4abcc86cf.html

Reading Eagle: Talks on water pact proceed in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Haven
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/08/13/talks-on-water-pact-proceed-in-orwigsburg-schuylkill-haven/>

PhillyBurbs: 'I was at the mercy of the water': Survivor recalls losing wife in floods along Delaware
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2023/08/14/upper-makefield-fatal-floods-survivor-dave-love-yuko-love-bucks-county-delaware-river-pa/70572469007/>

Delco Times: Chester Stormwater Authority to receive nearly \$10 million for Memorial Park flooding issues
<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/08/11/chester-stormwater-authority-to-receive-nearly-10-million-for-memorial-park-flooding-issues/>

MyChesCo: Delaware County Council Chair and Officials Assess Storm Damage in Chadds Ford
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/regional/delaware-county-council-chair-and-officials-assess-storm-damage-in-chadds-ford/>

Beaver County Radio: Groundbreaking held at Montgomery Dam
<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/groundbreaking-held-at-montgomery-dam/>

Mon Valley Independent: Mozer: Monessen in good financial shape for sewer project
<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2023/08/mozer-monessen-in-good-financial-shape-for-sewer-project/>

Latrobe Bulletin: Unity signs MOU with MAWC for Crabtree project
https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/unity-signs-mou-with-mawc-for-crabtree-project/article_7193b103-e1f0-57aa-93de-81cd30c36b26.html

Pittsburgh Business Times: Work begins on U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's \$934M locks and dam upgrades along Ohio River
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/08/11/work-begins-ohio-river-montgomery-locks-dam.html>

Post-Gazette: Federal and local officials, industry representatives laud groundbreaking of Montgomery Locks expansion project
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2023/08/11/montgomery-locks-expansion-project-beaver/stories/202308110091>

Beaver County Times: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers launch Montgomery Locks and Dam project
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/business/2023/08/12/u-s-army-corps-of-engineers-launch-montgomery-locks-and-dam-project-beaver-county/70576210007/>

Miscellaneous

Bradford Era: Creepy crawlers: How to treat common bites and stings
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/creepy-crawlers-how-to-treat-common-bites-and-stings/article_ce86e9cc-3a24-11ee-aab3-539992e8c45d.html

Pennlive: Hydroelectric project would flood homes and 'last bit of nature' on part of Susquehanna
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2023/08/proposed-hydroelectric-project-in-york-county-draws-ire-of-homeowners-conservationists.html>

Lancaster Newspapers: Conestoga Twp. resident shares concerns over invasive knotweed at 2 properties
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/conestoga-twp-resident-shares-concerns-over-invasive-knotweed-at-2-properties/article_d1720896-36d8-11ee-8f04-d7fa57524e58.html

Carlisle Sentinel: Home on the Grange: Incoming Middlesex Township neighborhood balances development, preservation
https://cumberlink.com/news/local/home-on-the-grange-incoming-middlesex-township-neighborhood-balances-development-preservation/article_0494e0ce-362d-11ee-92b2-6bb813ba4c4f.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

KDKA: U.S. Steel considering sale after receiving multiple acquisition offers

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/u-s-steel-considering-sale-after-receiving-multiple-acquisition-offers/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Cleveland-Cliffs says its buyout offer rebuffed by U.S. Steel

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/08/13/cleveland-cliffs-united-states-steel.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Why Cleveland-Cliffs made its \$7B+ bid for U.S. Steel

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/08/13/why-cleveland-cliffs-made-its-7b-bid-for-us-steel.html>

WTAE: Proposal made to purchase U.S. Steel rejected

<https://www.wtae.com/article/us-steel-cleveland-cliff-purchase-proposal/44802901>

Post-Gazette: Clairton Coke Works flares gas after losing power during storm

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/08/12/clairton-coke-works-lightning-strike/stories/202308120067>

WTAE: Clairton Coke Works flaring gas after storms cause power outage

<https://www.wtae.com/article/clairton-coke-works-flaring-gas-after-storms-cause-power-outage/44799431>

Pittsburgh Business Times: U.S. Steel begins formal review process to explore strategic alternatives

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/08/13/us-steel-begins-strategic-review-process.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Lightning strike temporarily cuts power to US Steel Clairton Coke Works

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/08/12/us-steel-clairton1works.html>

AP: US Steel rejects a \$7.3 billion offer from rival Cleveland-Cliffs; considers alternatives

<https://apnews.com/article/us-steel-pittsburgh-cleveland-03b75f6025b336f7826980085dc2f796>

Allegheny Front: A NEW SURVEY LOOKS AT THE RISKS OF CHEMICAL EXPOSURE THROUGH PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/skin-deep-database-personal-care-products-toxic-ingredients/>

Beaver Countian: Op-Ed: Fighting Crime By Eliminating Lead Paint

<https://beavercountian.com/content/special-coverage/op-ed-fighting-crime-by-eliminating-lead-paint>

AP: 5 people, including a child, are dead after an explosion destroys 3 homes and damages 12 others

<https://apnews.com/article/house-explosion-plum-pennsylvania-aa5151153aaeaa9b2972d5f7ad4baaa>

WPXI: Peoples Gas president says system was 'operating as designed' at site of Plum house explosion

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/peoples-gas-president-says-system-was-operating-designed-site-plum-house-explosion/JHWVOW2TTJHY3BIQ6PD5CB7F2A/>

Tribune-Review: Cause of Plum house explosion could take months or years to find, authorities say
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/cause-of-plum-house-explosion-could-take-months-or-years-to-find-authorities-say/>

WPXI: Allegheny County officials say investigation into Plum house explosion could take 'quite some time'

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/allegheny-county-officials-say-investigation-into-plum-house-explosion-could-take-quite-some-time/U3YCZZ6UU5A3NNEITZT4ZIYEE/>

Tribune-Review: 'Heartwrenching': Rustic Ridge residents come to terms with 5 deaths in house explosion

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/relief-efforts-investigation-continue-in-plum-fatal-house-explosion/>

Tribune-Review: Plum has history of house explosions

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/plum-has-history-of-house-explosions/>

Post-Gazette: 'A sad, sad day': Plum house explosion death toll hits 5, including a child, as community bands together

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/east/2023/08/13/plum-house-explosion-updates/stories/202308130137>

Post-Gazette: 'It looks like a war zone': 4 killed in massive house explosion in Plum

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/east/2023/08/12/plum-house-fire-explosion/stories/202308120070>

Tribune-Review: Rustic Ridge explosion sends different kind of shock wave through Plum's Holiday Park section

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/rustic-ridge-explosion-sends-different-kind-of-shock-wave-through-plums-holiday-park-section/>