

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

Top DEP Stories

Post-Gazette: Unplugged: Pennsylvania Faces a New Wave of Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells
<https://newsinteractive.post-gazette.com/unplugged-pennsylvania-faces-new-wave-abandoned-oil-gas-wells/>

Mentions

WHYY: How some of PA's public utility companies are adjusting during COVID-19
<https://whyy.org/articles/how-some-of-pa-s-public-utility-companies-are-adjusting-during-covid-19/>

Pennlive: DEP denies coronavirus outbreak has affected response to gas field contamination complaints
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/04/dep-denies-coronavirus-outbreak-has-affected-response-to-gas-field-contamination-complaints.html>

Air

Tribune-Review: Joseph Otis Minott: Public policy matters, especially when it comes to our air
<https://triblive.com/opinion/joseph-otis-minott-public-policy-matters-especially-when-it-comes-to-our-air/>

Post-Gazette: Less exposure to pollution may decrease virus severity
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/2020/04/03/Less-exposure-to-pollution-may-decrease-virus-severity/stories/202004020148>

Environmental Health News: Kids with asthma who live near heavy air pollution face greater risk from coronavirus
<https://www.ehn.org/children-asthma-coronavirus-2645618537.html?rebelltitem=1#rebelltitem1>

Climate Change

6ABC: Electric cars are contributing to a cleaner, Eco-friendly world
<https://6abc.com/society/electric-cars-are-contributing-to-a-cleaner-eco-friendly-world/6071123/>

Post-Gazette: Partisanship, pandemics and climate change
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/2020/04/01/Partisanship-pandemics-and-climate-change/stories/202003310107>

Post-Gazette: Unnecessary rollbacks: Lower vehicle mileage standards make no sense
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2020/04/03/Unnecessary-rollbacks-Lower-vehicle-mileage-standards-make-no-sense/stories/202004020065>

Conservation & Recreation

Indiana Gazette: ICTC board signs lease agreement for county conservation district

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/local/ictc-board-signs-lease-agreement-for-county-conservation-district/article_395ef6ef-29ed-5c82-abb6-b5c97208c5a7.html

Butler Eagle: Penn Twp. Spruces up park, seeks grant support (pg 4)
<http://pdf.butlereagle.com/BE/20/04/03/040320.htm>

Pennlive: Trail organizations ask feds to officially close overused Appalachian Trail during coronavirus pandemic
<https://www.pennlive.com/coronavirus/2020/04/trail-organizations-ask-feds-to-officially-close-overused-appalachian-trail-during-coronavirus-pandemic.html>

WGAL: Columbia residents urged to take advantage of outdoor recreational areas while maintaining social distance
<https://www.wgal.com/article/columbia-residents-urged-to-take-advantage-of-outdoor-recreational-areas-while-maintaining-social-distance/32009768>

WFMZ: Trout season delayed; birds starting to eat stocked fish
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/trout-season-delayed-birds-starting-to-eat-stocked-fish/article_64e1b096-7520-11ea-944b-0f98cd1e9d98.html

WJAC: Altoona Mayor encourages outdoor recreation, says parks will remain open
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/altoona-mayor-encourages-outdoor-recreation-says-parks-will-remain-open>

NextPittsburgh: Fun things to do outside in Pittsburgh right now
<https://www.nextpittsburgh.com/features/fun-things-to-do-outside-in-pittsburgh-right-now/>

Tribune-Democrat: Greg Levensgood | Game commission has lost its way
https://www.tribdem.com/news/editorials/columns/greg-levensgood-game-commission-has-lost-its-way/article_245d056e-7518-11ea-8d18-53b420d41b1f.html

Tribune-Review: Coronavirus crisis postpones Latrobe's Rabbit Race, closes playgrounds
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/coronavirus-crisis-postpones-latrobes-rabbit-race-closes-playgrounds/>

Beaver County Times: Outdoors: Opening of trout comes with new limits
<https://www.timesonline.com/sports/20200403/outdoors-opening-of-trout-comes-with-new-limits>

Post-Gazette: Cycling suggestions
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/04/03/Cycling-suggestions/stories/202004030068>

Gant News: DCNR provides guidance on outdoor activities during coronavirus
<https://gantdaily.com/2020/04/03/dcnr-provides-guidance-on-outdoor-activities-during-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Sunbury Daily Item: State program opens access to waterways
https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/state-program-opens-access-to-waterways/article_b00176c4-c915-53aa-96e6-1acc2bc1fcf1.html

Renovo Record: DCNR provides guidance on outdoor activities during coronavirus
<http://therecord-online.com/site/archives/58562>

Energy

York Dispatch: Muddy Run warning system to be tested
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2020/04/02/muddy-run-warning-system-tested/5113788002/>

Tribune-Democrat: Edward Klevans |[nuclear energy, emissions, RGGI, power generation]
https://www.tribdem.com/news/editorials/columns/edward-klevans/article_af6b6b32-7518-11ea-884b-e77a3cdbcbed76.html

Tribune-Review: Stocks end another whipsaw day solidly higher, led by energy
<https://triblive.com/news/wire-stories/stocks-end-another-whipsaw-day-solidly-higher-led-by-energy/>

Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields

Meadville Tribune: City Council directs funding to eradicate blight in Meadville
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/city-council-directs-funding-to-eradicate-blight-in-meadville/article_2f804972-751f-11ea-ade0-d7efedee14b6.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Group takes charge of blighted former inn
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/page/story/group-takes-charge-of-old-inn>

Mining

Huntingdon Daily News: West Virginia governor's coal companies to pay \$5M in fines
https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/ap/business/west-virginia-governors-coal-companies-to-pay-5m-in-fines/article_672215ba-2869-562e-b530-217e5a70de4d.html

Tribune-Review: West Virginia governor's coal companies to pay \$5M in fines
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/west-virginia-governors-coal-companies-to-pay-5m-in-fines/>

Oil and Gas

Pennlive: Legislators should support Gov. Wolf's veto of the petrochemical companies' bailout
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2020/04/legislators-should-support-gov-wolfs-veto-of-the-petrochemical-companies-bailout-pennlive-letters.html>

WTAE: Shell cracker plant in Beaver County seeks waiver to continue operating amid Wolf's shutdown order
<https://www.wtae.com/article/shell-cracker-plant-beaver-county-applies-for-shutdown-waiver/32024752>

Beaver County Radio: Shell's Construction Company has Applied for a Waiver to Resume Some Construction

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/shells-construction-company-has-applied-for-a-waiver-to-resume-some-construction/>

Beaver County Times: Shell applies for waiver to resume work, groups respond

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20200402/shell-applies-for-waiver-to-resume-work-groups-respond>

Observer-Reporter: Gas prices drop again in Washington, across region

https://observer-reporter.com/business/gas-prices-drop-again-in-washington-across-region/article_daf8ebb8-7521-11ea-9f4d-bfb97b165ef2.html

Radiation Protection

Reading Eagle: Montco coronavirus deaths at 12; officials 'concerned' about work at Limerick nuclear plant

https://www.readingeagle.com/coronavirus/montco-coronavirus-deaths-at-12-officials-concerned-about-work-at-limerick-nuclear-plant/article_4fcd0b0d-56df-5dfc-893e-de9220e1c5ec.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Feds allow longer shifts at nuclear plants

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/page/story/feds-allow-longer-shifts-at-nuclear-plants>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Nuclear plant begins scheduled reactor fueling

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/page/story/n-plant-begins-scheduled-reactor-fueling>

Vector Management

Titusville Herald: Extension office has tips to help stop lanternfly (pg 3)

https://www.titusvilleherald.com/eedition/page_212c29fe-9a57-5710-90f7-79ea60fe0cc6.html

Waste

NPR: Plastic Wars: Industry Spent Millions Selling Recycling — To Sell More Plastic

https://www.npr.org/2020/03/31/822597631/plastic-wars-three-takeaways-from-the-fight-over-the-future-of-plastics?utm_source=pocket-newtab

Tribune-Review: April National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event postponed

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/april-national-prescription-drug-take-back-day-event-postponed/>

Tribune-Review: South Fayette outlines new trash collection restrictions

<https://triblive.com/local/carlynton/south-fayette-outlines-new-trash-collection-restrictions/>

Post-Gazette: On the front lines: The virus fight needs a diverse fighting force

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2020/04/03/On-the-front-lines-The-virus-fight-needs-a-diverse-fighting-force/stories/202003270043>

Shamokin News-Item: People warned to stop leaving items at closed recycling center

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/people-warned-to-stop-leaving-items-at-closed-recycling-center/article_f645cb11-3c4e-5c71-9754-5135ece3ca98.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Unusable donations piling up

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/page/story/unusable-donations-piling-up>

Milton Standard-Journal: Lycoming County Recycling to remain closed

https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/article_08bd40a6-445f-5f8c-b046-169fb51f17f7.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Borough cancels brush, limb pickup

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/borough-cancels-brush-limb-pickup/article_be1c39d3-5ed1-5039-85d3-6559c4725ddb.html

Towanda Daily Review: NTSWA reopening landfill for bagged waste

https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/ntswa-reopening-landfill-for-bagged-waste-free-to-read/article_dbcedcbb-d10d-5813-8011-b364e351fa7b.html

Towanda Daily Review: Sayre cancels Saturday's drive-thru cardboard recycling collection

https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/sayre-cancels-saturdays-drive-thru-cardboard-recycling-collection-free-to-read/article_5b7a8e72-0035-5d10-960d-f367cff38b83.html

Lock Haven Express: Recycling center closures (LTE)

<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2020/04/recycling-centers/>

Water

Tribune-Review: EPA: Do not flush anything other than toilet paper to help keep sewage systems running efficiently

<https://triblive.com/news/world/epa-do-not-flush-anything-other-than-toilet-paper-to-help-keep-sewage-systems-running-efficiently/>

Miscellaneous

Philadelphia Inquirer: This coronavirus pandemic can be lethal to the environment, too | Editorial

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/editorials/coronavirus-rollback-plastic-bag-bans-fracking-tax-break-20200403.html>

York Dispatch: The EPA needs to do its job, even during a pandemic

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/opinion/editorials/2020/04/03/editorial-epa-needs-do-its-job-even-during-pandemic/5112021002/>

Lancaster Newspapers: Creation of new silent spring

https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/creation-of-new-silent-spring-letter/article_df2385dc-74f8-11ea-87b4-fb4fdd5b9290.html

ABC27: Perry County dairy farmers asked to dump thousands of pounds of milk amid COVID-19 outbreak

<https://www.abc27.com/news/local/perry-county-dairy-farmers-asked-to-dump-thousands-of-pounds-of-milk-amid-covid-19-outbreak/>

Tribune-Review: Coal Hollow Road in Penn Hills closed due to landslide

<https://pennhills.triblive.com/coal-hollow-road-in-penn-hills-closed-due-to-landslide/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Thanks to all who keep our homes safe havens

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-thanks-to-all-who-keep-our-homes-safe-havens/>

Centre Daily Times: Government should advocate for human and environmental health (LTE)

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article241709041.html>