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Top DEP Stories

York Daily Record: Cleanup crews removed 90 tons of oily debris after J&K Salvage fire
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/04/01/epa-marks-cleanup-milestones-after-massive-jk-salvage-fire/89417213007/>

Fox56: DEP fines gas waste company \$100k after spill violations in Lycoming, Bradford counties
<https://fox56.com/news/local/dep-fines-gas-waste-company-100k-after-spill-violations-in-lycoming-bradford-counties?teaserSource=trending>

Mentions

Allegheny Front: Cause of fish kill in Centre County unclear, but environmentalists say documenting issues is important
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/fish-kill-centre-county-cause-unclear-documenting-important/>

NorthPenn Now: Montgomery County eyes plans for designated recycling center
<https://northpennnow.com/news/2026/apr/01/montgomery-county-eyes-plans-for-designated-recycling-center/>

Allegheny Front: Cause of fish kill in Centre County unclear, but environmentalists say documenting issues is important
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/fish-kill-centre-county-cause-unclear-documenting-important/>

ICE Facility

Republican Herald: DHS pauses new immigrant warehouse purchases amid review of Noem-era contracts
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/04/01/dhs-pauses-new-immigrant-warehouse-purchases-amid-review-of-noem-era-contracts/>

Climate Change

Allegheny Front: U.S. Steel's new owner gets poor marks in climate rating for steel industry
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/u-s-steels-new-owner-gets-poor-marks-in-climate-rating-for-steel-industry/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly sets a record as the temperature reaches 84 degrees
<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/philadelphia-weather-record-temperature-20260401.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Democrat: Outdoors | Somerset County Technology Center students, Game Commission benefit from forestry co-op

https://www.tribdem.com/sports/outdoors-somerset-county-technology-center-students-game-commission-benefit-from-forestry-co-op/article_f4bf83b6-d86d-4bcf-8142-592304573b22.html

Republican Herald: State award goes to Schuylkill Haven for trout revitalization work

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/03/31/state-award-goes-to-schuylkill-haven-for-trout-revitalization-work/>

FOX43: Pennsylvania anglers take to the waters Saturday as the 2026 trout fishing season gets underway

<https://www.fox43.com/article/sports/outdoors/pennsylvania-2026-trout-fishing-season-opens-saturday/521-6786ffc-d8cf-4fd8-86d0-df4a1e38737a>

FOX43: 'We Protect It Forever' | How you can support Lancaster Conservancy's mission during Give Local York

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/morning-show/how-you-can-support-lancaster-conservancys-mission-during-give-local-york/521-16224ccf-9177-44c4-be3c-a00f3c2292f8>

DELCO Today: Work to Get Underway on Delco Woods Development in Marple

<https://delco.today/2026/04/delco-woods-development/>

Data Centers

Standard Speaker: Planning determines data center impacts, researcher tells Hazleton chamber

<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2026/04/01/planning-determines-data-center-impacts-researcher-tells-hazleton-chamber/>

FOX43: Watts Township schedules May meeting to discuss data center ordinance

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/perry-county/watts-township-schedules-may-meeting-to-discuss-data-center-ordinance-community-perry-county/521-7de00efc-d9d3-4267-935c-d2c844cb6e43>

Daily Local: PECO seeks 12% rate hike for electricity, 11.4% for gas

After citing data centers as a factor, spokeswoman says request would have been the same without them

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/04/02/peco-seeks-12-rate-hike-for-electricity-11-4-for-gas/>

Patch.com: PECO Proposes Significant Rate Hikes Amid Data Center Growth, Sparking Outrage In Montco

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/norristown/peco-proposes-significant-rate-hikes-amid-data-center-growth-sparking>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Homer City natural gas plant begins vertical construction with first permanent building

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/04/01/homer-city-redevelopment-project-construction.html>

Standard Speaker: PUC holds hearings in Wilkes-Barre Twp. over rate hike request

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/04/01/puc-holds-hearings-in-wilkes-barre-twp-over-rate-hike-request/>

WOLF: Public voices concerns over proposed UGI rate increase at PUC hearing

<https://fox56.com/news/local/public-voices-concerns-over-proposed-ugi-rate-increase-at-puc-hearing>

Gettysburg Times: Straban balks at sidewalk waiver fee for solar project

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_29bfea1e-533a-4870-9373-d8cc5a60884d.html

Mining

Morning Call: Deep' sinkhole closes major road in Northampton County

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/04/02/martins-creek-belvidere-highway-closed-sinkhole/>

Oil and Gas

DELCO Today: Shipment From Marcus Hook Helped Launch US Natural Gas Industry

<https://delco.today/2026/04/marcus-hook-ethane-natural-gas/>

Waste

Observer-Reporter: Glass recycling Saturday

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2026/apr/02/glass-recycling-saturday/>

WJAC: Cambria County homeowners share experiences as sewer repair lawsuit proceeds, JRA comments

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/cambria-county-homeowners-share-experiences-as-sewer-repair-lawsuit-proceeds-jra-comments>

Altoona Mirror: A matter of pride: Tyrone high school students turn out to help clean up their community

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/04/tyrone-tahs-students-community-cleanup-matter-of-pride/>

Water

TribLive: Monroeville receives \$1 million to replace aging asbestos-cement water lines

<https://triblive.com/local/monroeville/monroeville-receives-1-million-to-replace-aging-asbestos-cement-water-lines/>

Bedford Gazette: Project at Cypher Beach moving forward

https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/project-at-cypher-beach-moving-forward/article_db8558b7-9543-47f7-8a7e-3f2086e7d83e.html

Philly Burbs: Trout stocking in Bucks County is underway ahead of fishing season

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/environment/2026/04/02/pa-trout-season-fishing-bucks-county-how-to-get-a-fishing-license/89421505007/>

Miscellaneous

WTAE: Barge from Turnpike project crashes and gets stuck over dam in Beaver Falls

<https://www.wtae.com/article/beaver-county-dam-barge-stuck/70917987>

WPXI: Barge goes over dam in Beaver Falls

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/barge-goes-over-dam-beaver-falls/MSRFY7E4BZBZJFXTZ3KTESRWPM/>

Lancaster Online: Elizabethtown Area School District to dog owners: Clean up after your dogs!

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/elizabethtown-area-school-district-to-dog-owners-clean-up-after-your-dogs/article_81c6dddd-1c1b-4ec4-9977-564d595869f9.html

Reading Eagle: Can you get 150 poop trucks past deer and DEP inspectors? ICE warehouse opponents want to see you try

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/04/02/can-you-get-150-poop-trucks-past-deer-and-dep-inspectors-ice-warehouse-opponents-want-to-see-you-try/>

Reading Eagle: DHS pauses ICE warehouse purchases; scrutinizes ones already bought in Berks, Schuylkill counties

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/04/01/ice-warehouse-purchases-paused-berks-schuylkill-counties/>

WFMZ: DHS pauses new immigrant warehouse purchases amid review of Noem-era contracts

https://www.wfmz.com/news/ap/ap-politics/dhs-pauses-new-immigrant-warehouse-purchases-amid-review-of-noem-era-contracts/article_7bb85d79-3d58-4244-b8b0-3f8a209088b1.html

The Philadelphia Inquirer: The annoying buzz of our AI future is keeping Vineland awake

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/data-centers-noise-vineland-20260402.html>

Bucks County Beacon: Democratic State House Candidate Kristin Egan Goes on Record to Oppose Controversial US 1 Project in Lower Bucks County

<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2026/04/democratic-state-house-candidate-kristin-egan-goes-on-record-to-oppose-controversial-us-1-project-in-lower-bucks-county/>

The Times Herald: From the Ground Up: Good from the first drip?

<https://www.timesherald.com/2026/04/02/from-the-ground-up-good-from-the-first-drip/>