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## Top DEP Stories

Beaver County Radio: Shapiro Administration Invests More Than \$267 Million to Reduce Air Pollution, Cut Energy Costs, Create Jobs, and Combat Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Communities Across Pennsylvania

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/shapiro-administration-invests-more-than-267-million-to-reduce-air-pollution-cut-energy-costs-create-jobs-and-combat-greenhouse-gas-emissions-in-communities-across-pennsylvania/>

WJAC: Shapiro touts \$2M RISE PA grant to upgrade Johnstown's Gautier Steel plant

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/shapiro-announces-nearly-2-million-rise-pa-grant-to-upgrade-johnstown-steel-plant>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania gives out \$267M in energy- and emission-saving grants

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/04/28/cnx-industrial-redevelopment-coal-mine-methane.html>

Tribune-Democrat: PHOTO GALLERY | Shapiro touts investments in Johnstown's Gautier Steel, says RISE PA funding bolsters industry and environment

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/local\\_news/photo-gallery-shapiro-touts-investments-in-johnstowns-gautier-steel-says-rise-pa-funding-bolsters-industry/article\\_1e842368-e64b-4439-a705-705e72345389.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/photo-gallery-shapiro-touts-investments-in-johnstowns-gautier-steel-says-rise-pa-funding-bolsters-industry/article_1e842368-e64b-4439-a705-705e72345389.html)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pa.'s industrial decarbonization program doles out first large rewards

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2026/04/29/pa-industrial-decarbonization-program-risepa/stories/202604280091>

## Mentions

The Derrick: Drones survey Venango County for abandoned wells

[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/drones-survey-venango-county-for-abandoned-wells/article\\_913af7b4-67e3-4e83-84a4-55e46225a2b5.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/drones-survey-venango-county-for-abandoned-wells/article_913af7b4-67e3-4e83-84a4-55e46225a2b5.html)

## Climate Change

KYW: Seesawing temperatures likely to raise produce prices, local farmers warn

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/seesawing-temperatures-produce-prices>

## Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: U.S. Steel eaglet returned to nest after surgery to remove fishhook

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/us-steel-eaglet-returned-nest-fishhook/>

Warren Times: Controlled burn concludes, objectives achieved

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/04/controlled-burn-concludes-objectives-achieved/>

Tri-County Independent: Bill would allow designated areas for deer hunting near bait in Pa.

<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/04/28/pa-deer-hunting-rules-with-bait-could-change-with-new-bill-pennsylvania-game-commission/89839382007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epti=z113801e002100v113801d--38--b--38--&gca-ft=169&gca-ds=sophi>

## **Energy**

Bradford Era: ARG adding microgrid due to reliability problems

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/04/28/arg-adding-microgrid-due-reliability-problems/>

WOLF: UGI to sell electric utility serving parts of NEPA for \$470 million

<https://fox56.com/news/local/ugi-to-sell-electric-utility-serving-parts-of-nepa-for-470-million>

KYW: Gas prices jump to the highest rate in 4 years

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/philadelphia-gas-prices-rise>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

PA Environment Daily Digest: House Committee Approves Bill To Strengthen State Response To Spills Of Hazardous Substances After Energy Transfer/Sunoco Jet Fuel Pipeline Spill In Bucks County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/04/house-committee-approves-bill-to.html>

## **Oil and Gas**

Allegheny Front: Incoming fracking at Ohio wildlife area met with warnings of heavy truck traffic and habitat loss

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trucks-habitat-loss-fracking-ohio-egypt-valley-wildlife-area/>

## **Waste**

Latrobe Bulletin: Laurel Mountain Borough to revise letter about sewer project

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/laurel-mountain-borough-to-revise-letter-about-sewer-project/article\\_62830e47-e024-41e6-a029-31511fd51ada.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/laurel-mountain-borough-to-revise-letter-about-sewer-project/article_62830e47-e024-41e6-a029-31511fd51ada.html)

## **Water**

WPXI: Pittsburgh water receives \$78M in funding to upgrade city's drinking water, sewer systems  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/pittsburgh-water-receives-78m-funding-upgrade-citys-drinking-water-sewer-systems/VLWFQYZBWBBP7JTGHL3K3NBYE/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh Water receives \$78 million in state funding to improve water and sewer system  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/2026/04/28/pittsburgh-water-pennvest-water-sewer/stories/202604280076>

Lancaster Online: EPA team to check water pipes for Lancaster city customers  
[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/epa-team-to-check-water-pipes-for-lancaster-city-customers/article\\_4abcc205-a142-4dbf-8469-6ed1e00b8b35.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/epa-team-to-check-water-pipes-for-lancaster-city-customers/article_4abcc205-a142-4dbf-8469-6ed1e00b8b35.html)

### **Miscellaneous**

WNEP: 'I'm never going to retire' Hidden Hollow Farm celebrates 55 years of horseback riding lessons  
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/columbia-county/hidden-hollow-farm-celebrates-55-years-horse-back-riding-lessons-benton-columbia-county-paula-hosking/523-af25f7d5-1dcb-433f-b84f-1a99805ff92d?tbref=hp>

Lehighvalleylive: Saucon Creek crossing set to reopen 8 years after the closure of historic bridge  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/2026/04/saucon-creek-crossing-set-to-reopen-8-years-after-closure-of-historic-bridge.html>

Morning Call: A plan for 1,200 homes near Promenade Saucon Valley takes step forward  
<https://www.mcall.com/2026/04/29/a-plan-for-1200-homes-near-promenade-saucon-valley-takes-step-forward/>