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## **Top DEP Stories**

Pennlive: It's time to get DEP off its subsistence diet: Martin R. Siegel

[http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2016/12/its\\_time\\_to\\_get\\_dep\\_off\\_its\\_su.html#incart\\_river\\_index](http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2016/12/its_time_to_get_dep_off_its_su.html#incart_river_index)

## **Conservation & Recreation**

Tribune Review: Neighbors donate 24 acres with Loyalhanna headwaters to preservation group

<http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/11560473-74/loyalhanna-creek-association>

Tribune Review: Farm coming to residential plot in Washington Twp.

<http://triblive.com/local/valleynewsdispatch/11448158-74/farm-township-neighbors>

## **Energy**

StateImpact PA: Federal government blocks Dakota Access oil pipeline route

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2016/12/05/federal-government-blocks-dakota-access-oil-pipeline-route/#more-43795>

Sunbury Daily Item: Talen delays Montour plant gas conversion

[http://www.dailyitem.com/news/local\\_news/talen-delays-montour-plant-gas-conversion/article\\_3153990b-e573-5238-b176-32b95c6a94f6.html](http://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/talen-delays-montour-plant-gas-conversion/article_3153990b-e573-5238-b176-32b95c6a94f6.html)

Pennlive: Talen Energy delays coal-conversion plan at Montour generating plant

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Scranton Times: Crews prepare Jessup power plant site for first turbine's arrival

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/crews-prepare-jessup-power-plant-site-for-first-turbine-s-arrival-1.2126001>

## **Mining**

Herald-Standard: Another page turns in dispute over mining under Ryerson Park

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## **Oil and Gas**

Scranton Times: Environmental Defense Fund sets out to map the nation's methane leaks

<http://www.nepabuzz.com/2016/12/05/environmental-defense-fund-sets-out-to-map-the-nations-methane-leaks/>

Pottstown Mercury: Pottstown School Board member bringing help to protestors of N. Dakota pipeline

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20161205/pottstown-school-board-member-bringing-help-to-protestors-of-n-dakota-pipeline>

## **Radiation Protection**

Pittsburgh Courier: PA schools aren't required to test for lead or radon, so many Pittsburgh-area districts don't

<http://newpittsburghcourieronline.com/2016/12/04/pa-schools-arent-required-to-test-for-lead-or-radon-so-many-pittsburgh-area-districts-dont/>

Lancaster Newspapers: Peach Bottom nuclear plant sirens to be tested Wednesday

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Pocono Record: Spotted lanternfly threatens fruit trees and hardwoods

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## **Waste**

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<http://triblive.com/opinion/editorials/11591693-74/radium-contamination-geese>

Pennlive: Carlisle water plant producing on 'very limited basis'

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Bucks County Herald: River basin area enters drought watch mode

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