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## Top DEP Stories

WITF/StateImpact: DEP ignores concerned citizen, while discussing improving public outreach  
[https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2016/12/14/dep-ignores-concerned-citizen-while-discussing-improving-public-outreach/?\\_ga=1.248974222.882895250.1471610849](https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2016/12/14/dep-ignores-concerned-citizen-while-discussing-improving-public-outreach/?_ga=1.248974222.882895250.1471610849)

abc27: Saving the Susquehanna: What happens after Pa. misses interim pollution goals?  
<http://abc27.com/2016/12/14/saving-the-susquehanna-what-happens-after-pa-misses-interim-pollution-goals/>

## Mentions

Citizens' Voice: Protect water supplies from fracking effects  
<http://citizensvoice.com/opinion/protect-water-supplies-from-fracking-effects-1.2129438>

## Air

Pittsburgh Tribune Review: Activists question proposal to lower ATI emission limits  
<http://triblive.com/local/valleynewsdispatch/11602951-74/ati-limits-permit>

York Daily Record: Clean air? Don't hold your breath.  
<http://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/columnists/mike-argento/2016/12/14/clean-air-dont-hold-your-breath-column/95429968/>

Express Times: Long-abandoned industrial building coming down in Wilson Borough  
[http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/easton/index.ssf/2016/12/abandoned\\_industrial\\_building.html#incart\\_river\\_home\\_pop](http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/easton/index.ssf/2016/12/abandoned_industrial_building.html#incart_river_home_pop)

## Climate Change

WITF/NPR: Arctic Is Warming At 'Astonishing' Rates, Researchers Say  
[http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/12/13/505434080/scientists-report-the-arctic-is-melting-even-more-rapidly?\\_ga=1.17941424.882895250.1471610849](http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/12/13/505434080/scientists-report-the-arctic-is-melting-even-more-rapidly?_ga=1.17941424.882895250.1471610849)

## Energy

Penn State News: Penn State receives funding to demonstrate low-carbon footprint path  
<http://news.psu.edu/story/441303/2016/12/08/penn-state-receives-funding-demonstrate-low-carbon-footprint-path>

WITF: Philadelphia moves forward on massive green jobs plan  
<http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local/item/99714-philadelphia-moves-forward-on-massive-green-jobs-plan>

## Oil and Gas

Pennlive: Natural gas pipeline purging planned: expect loud noises, UGI says  
[http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/12/natural\\_gas\\_pipeline\\_purging\\_p.html#incart\\_river\\_index](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/12/natural_gas_pipeline_purging_p.html#incart_river_index)

Reading Eagle: People unhappy with company answers, format of pipeline meeting in Oley Township  
<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/people-unhappy-with-company-answers-format-of-pipeline-meeting-in-oley-township>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Beaver County township delays permit approval for Shell cracker  
<http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/policy-powersource/2016/12/14/Potter-Township-delays-approval-of-land-permit-for-Shell-cracker-asks-for-more-information/stories/201612150092>

NewsMax: As Trump Vows to Boost Drilling, Fracking Foes Turn to Courts  
<http://www.newsmax.com/US/trump-oil-gas-fracking/2016/12/14/id/763871/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: On the fenceline and on the fence about the Shell cracker plant  
<http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/consumers-powersource/2016/12/12/On-the-fenceline-and-on-the-fence-about-Shell-cracker-plant-pennsylvania-beaver-county/stories/201612120024>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Potter Township hearing on Shell cracker still not closed  
<http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/consumers-powersource/2016/12/14/Potter-Township-hearing-on-Shell-Chemical-ethane-cracker-still-not-closed/stories/201612140190>

Citizens' Voice: Bats' new threat for survival: shale gas industry  
<http://citizensvoice.com/news/bats-new-threat-for-survival-shale-gas-industry-1.2129367>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Oil and gas industry will amass power in Trump's Washington  
<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/presidential/Oil-and-gas-industry-will-amass-power-in-Trumps-Washington.html>

## **Waste**

Times Leader: DEP: Owners of Huber Breaker site out of compliance  
<https://timesleader.com/news/615690/dep-owners-of-huber-breaker-site-out-of-compliance>

## **Water**

Environment America: Final EPA study concludes that fracking operations can contaminate drinking water  
<http://www.environmentamerica.org/news/ame/final-epa-study-concludes-fracking-operations-can-contaminate-drinking-water>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: EPA: 'Data gaps' block verdict on fracking, drinking water  
<http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/policy-powersource/2016/12/13/EPA-Data-gaps-block-verdict-on-fracking-drinking-water-2/stories/201612130133>

Desmog: Fracking Can Contaminate Drinking Water, Has Made Some Water Supplies "Unusable," Long-Awaited EPA Study Concludes

<https://www.desmogblog.com/2016/12/13/fracking-can-contaminate-drinking-water-has-made-some-water-supplies-unusable-epa-announces-long-awaited-study>

PennLive: Frozen pipes: Don't wait to prepare - here's how to avoid them  
[http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/12/dont\\_wait\\_to\\_prepare\\_for\\_freeze.html](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/12/dont_wait_to_prepare_for_freeze.html)

Pittsburgh Tribune Review: Brackenridge nursing home water system cleared for use  
<http://triblive.com/local/valleynewsdispatch/11635496-74/system-nursing-bacteria>

Reading Eagle: Auto group sues RAWA to keep lower fee  
<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/reading-auto-dealer-sues-to-pay-lower-water-bill>

Reading Eagle: Residents in Longswamp Township with wells are urged to monitor their water use  
<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/residents-in-longswamp-township-with-wells-are-urged-to-monitor-their-water-use>

Citizens Voice: Sen. Casey promises federal help is on the way for Solomon Creek flood wall  
<http://citizensvoice.com/news/sen-casey-promises-federal-help-is-on-the-way-for-solomon-creek-flood-wall-1.2129076>

Scranton Times: Scranton sewer-sale closing postponed; details not final  
<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/scranton-sewer-sale-closing-postponed-details-not-final-1.2129342>

Bucks County Courier Times: Despite rain, drought watch remains  
[http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/local/despite-rains-drought-watch-remains/article\\_8e8bb008-c21e-11e6-b096-d7f5374bdc96.html](http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/local/despite-rains-drought-watch-remains/article_8e8bb008-c21e-11e6-b096-d7f5374bdc96.html)

## **Miscellaneous**

Pike County Courier: Apply by Jan. 3 for Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence  
<http://www.pikecountycourier.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20161214/NEWS01/161219980/Apply-by-Jan-3-for-Governor%27s-Awards-for-Environmental-Excellence>

State Impact: Philadelphia launches \$1 billion green jobs plan  
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2016/12/14/philadelphia-launches-1-billion-green-jobs-plan/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: FactCheck: The facts on Trump's EPA nominee  
<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/presidential/FactCheck-The-facts-on-Trumps-EPA-nominee.html>