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## Top DEP Stories

CBS News Pittsburgh: Code Orange air quality alert issued for Pittsburgh area Thursday  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/code-orange-air-quality-alert-issued-pittsburgh-area-december-21-2023/>

## Mentions

Times Observer: Natural gas production fee revenues drop \$105M  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2023/12/natural-gas-production-fee-revenues-drop-105m/>

TribLive: Shrinking resource: Customers heed conservation order but Beaver Run Reservoir continues drop toward record-low level  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/shrinking-resource-customers-heed-conservation-order-but-beaver-run-reservoir-continues-drop-toward-record-low-level/>

90.5 WESA: Pennsylvania community leaders prepare Priority Climate Action Plan  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-12-21/pennsylvania-climate-pollution-reduction-money>

## Climate Change

Philadelphia Inquirer: Big Arctic warm-ups can lead to bouts of snow in Philly. One may be coming.  
<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/philadelphia-winter-weather-sudden-stratospheric-warming-arctic-20231221.html>

## Conservation and Recreation

Westfield Free Press- Courier: Winter Outings set to begin Jan. 1  
[https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the\\_wellsboro\\_mansfield\\_gazette/news/local/winter-outings-set-to-begin-jan-1/article\\_5a97ba9e-9e7b-11ee-ab40-17dd27f5e6da.html](https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/winter-outings-set-to-begin-jan-1/article_5a97ba9e-9e7b-11ee-ab40-17dd27f5e6da.html)

KYW Newsradio: Proposal to build campground at Big Elk Creek State Park gets backlash from environmental activists, fearing a threat to wildlife  
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/activists-oppose-dcnr-campground-big-elk-creek-state-park-wildlife>

Daily Local News Top stories of 2023: Westtown close to acquiring Crebilly Farm:  
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/12/20/top-stories-of-2023-westtown-close-to-acquiring-crebilly-farm/>

Citizens' Voice: New requirement for clean and green farmland owners

[https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/new-requirement-for-clean-and-green-farmland-owners/article\\_51e482c6-7cf2-5f42-a3d6-549c968d4dba.html](https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/new-requirement-for-clean-and-green-farmland-owners/article_51e482c6-7cf2-5f42-a3d6-549c968d4dba.html)

## Energy

The Derrick: Venango planners updated on home rehabs, solar ordinance interest

[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/venango-planners-updated-on-home-rehabs-solar-ordinance-interest/article\\_c85f6ac4-9f5a-11ee-a771-87b2d4773d8a.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/venango-planners-updated-on-home-rehabs-solar-ordinance-interest/article_c85f6ac4-9f5a-11ee-a771-87b2d4773d8a.html)

Tribune- Democrat: Central Cambria accepts 'generous' new tax repayment plan from CPV Fairview

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/central-cambria-accepts-generous-new-tax-repayment-plan-from-cpv-fairview/article\\_06b57f30-9f8c-11ee-95ed-97836dbd93ce.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/central-cambria-accepts-generous-new-tax-repayment-plan-from-cpv-fairview/article_06b57f30-9f8c-11ee-95ed-97836dbd93ce.html)

Latrobe Bulletin: UTMA continues to consider solar power

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/utma-continues-to-consider-solar-power/article\\_2cd7d147-e937-5132-83b4-10a5de48951e.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/utma-continues-to-consider-solar-power/article_2cd7d147-e937-5132-83b4-10a5de48951e.html)

## Oil and Gas

Butler Eagle: Gas company to resume drilling in Pa. community after DEP lifts moratorium

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20231221/gas-company-to-resume-drilling-in-pa-community-after-dep-lifts-moratorium/>

New Castle News: Drilling under Pennsylvania's 'Gasland' town has been banned since 2010. It's coming back.

[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/drilling-under-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back/article\\_9aaefc1f-9709-539a-a8e8-f29cf615601d.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/drilling-under-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back/article_9aaefc1f-9709-539a-a8e8-f29cf615601d.html)

The Derrick: Drilling under state's 'Gasland' town coming back after long ban

[https://www.thederrick.com/news/community\\_news/drilling-under-states-gasland-town-coming-back-after-long-ban/article\\_2c9875ce-9f76-11ee-8cbe-87e3eaa80654.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/community_news/drilling-under-states-gasland-town-coming-back-after-long-ban/article_2c9875ce-9f76-11ee-8cbe-87e3eaa80654.html)

Indiana Gazette: Drilling under Pa.'s 'Gasland' town, banned since 2010, is coming back

[https://www.indianagazette.com/news/drilling-under-pa-s-gasland-town-banned-since-2010-is-coming-back/article\\_a0bd5b53-980a-51ef-9da7-3aa03144c52a.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/news/drilling-under-pa-s-gasland-town-banned-since-2010-is-coming-back/article_a0bd5b53-980a-51ef-9da7-3aa03144c52a.html)

WPXI: Major gas leak at Ross Township business forced road closures, evacuations

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/emergency-crews-scene-major-gas-leak-ross-township-babcock-boulevard-shut-down/C2CZ6XQEI5F33E2EH3BKDX2UHU/>

TribLive: Letter to the editor: More energy production = more consumer savings

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-more-energy-production-more-consumer-savings/>

CBS News Pittsburgh: Smell in Pittsburgh neighborhood has residents fed up

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/polish-hill-pittsburgh-smell-neighbors-unhappy/>

WITF/StateImpact: Pa. drilling activity, gas prices fall, report says

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/12/20/pa-drilling-activity-gas-prices-fall-report-says/>

Altoona Mirror: Northeastern Pa. town cleared for fracking after 12-year ban

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2023/12/northeastern-pa-town-cleared-for-fracking-after-12-year-ban/>

WITF: Drilling under Pennsylvania's 'Gasland' town has been banned since 2010. It's coming back.

<https://www.witf.org/2023/12/20/drilling-under-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back/>

FOX43: Drilling under Pennsylvania's 'Gasland' town has been banned since 2010. It's coming back.

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/drilling-under-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back-dimock-coterra-cabot-oil-natural-gas-fracking/523-dd985349-5116-43b9-a516-ab37cd4cde22>

## **Waste**

Post- Gazette: Have a real Christmas tree? Allegheny County parks and the City of Pittsburgh will take them for recycling

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/holidays/2023/12/20/recycle-christmas-tree-allegheny-county-parks/stories/202312190105>

## **Water**

Clearfield Progress: Centre communities awarded more than \$1M in Public Infrastructure Grants

[https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/centre-communities-awarded-more-than-1m-in-public-infrastructure-grants/article\\_b4cf4b0e-9f6a-11ee-9cf6-6ffd228cfc1a.html](https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/centre-communities-awarded-more-than-1m-in-public-infrastructure-grants/article_b4cf4b0e-9f6a-11ee-9cf6-6ffd228cfc1a.html)

Pennlive: Nearly \$1M project aims to restore freshwater mussels in Susquehanna's upper West Branch

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2023/12/nearly-1m-project-aims-to-restore-freshwater-mussels-in-susquehannas-upper-west-branch.html>

Lancaster Newspapers: Lancaster water customers try to understand flat fees under new billing cycle

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-water-customers-try-to-understand-flat-fees-under-new-billing-cycle-lancaster-watchdog/article\\_7693bbe8-9ea4-11ee-8e27-e7596b8f182d.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-water-customers-try-to-understand-flat-fees-under-new-billing-cycle-lancaster-watchdog/article_7693bbe8-9ea4-11ee-8e27-e7596b8f182d.html)

Reading Eagle: Pa. awards nearly \$9.5 million for water and sewer projects in Berks

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/12/20/state-awards-nearly-9-5-million-in-grants-for-berks-water-and-sewer-projects/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Butler Eagle: Pullman Park field to get new turf

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20231221/pullman-park-field-to-get-new-turf/>

Pittsburgh Business News: Mawson Infrastructure Group adds new customer at Midland bitcoin facility  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/12/20/mawson-infrastructure-group-midland.html>

90.5 WESA: After U.S. Steel announces sale, reactions range from outrage to concern  
<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2023-12-21/us-steel-sale-reactions>

Pottstown Mercury: Preserve at Stony Brook slated to develop Norristown State Hospital grounds  
<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2023/12/20/preserve-at-stony-brook-slated-to-develop-norristown-state-hospital-grounds/>