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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Review: Morning Roundup: Fire damages Monroeville home; Code Orange alert issued in Mon Valley

<https://triblive.com/local/monroeville/code-orange-air-quality-alert-issued-in-mon-valley/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Temperature inversion leads to air-quality alert in Mon Valley

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/12/21/temperature-inversion-mon-valley.html>

WNEP: "Stab in the Back." Residents awaiting water react to return of drilling in Dimock Township

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/susquehanna-county/stab-in-the-back-residents-awaiting-water-react-to-return-of-drilling-in-dimock-township/523-bcbe75ba-eb0e-463c-a64b-cdb3d7c235ff>

Mentions

Citizens Voice: Chemical spill at plant in Hanover Township industrial park never posed a threat to public: DEP

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WBRE: One injured during Hanover Township hazmat incident

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/one-injured-during-hanover-townhsip-hazmat-incident/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: A Pennsylvania company wants to burn old tires to power Bitcoin mining

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/bitcoin-mining-tires-panther-creek-carbon-county-20231222.html>

Towanda Daily Review: Drilling under Pennsylvania's "Gasland" town has been banned since 2010. It's coming back

https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/national/drilling-under-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back/article_efa209e8-00d8-5b93-94d0-f4411d5793bb.html

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Sunbury Daily Item: Master meter project completed in Mifflinburg

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/master-meter-project-completed-in-mifflinburg/article_d578c8a8-9f47-11ee-81db-e75774a3faad.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: New mobile home park owners frustrating Cooper supers

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/122123/page/1/story/new-mobile-home-park-owners-frustrating-cooper-supervisors>

Climate Change

WHYY: Orange skies, flash floods, and offshore wind drama: Here are WHYY News' top climate stories of 2023

<https://whyy.org/articles/2023-climate-stories-trends-philadelphia-delaware-valley/>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: No snow for Christmas, but fun activities still abound

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/no-snow-for-christmas-but-fun-activities-still-abound/article_d6a43022-a03d-11ee-9748-47fdb60cd210.html

Philadelphia Today: Circuit Trails Network Nears 50 Percent Completion, Secures \$41.7 Million in Funding for Trail Projects in 2023

<https://philadelphia.today/2023/12/circuit-trails-network-projects/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Unified Sportsmen of PA want answers in mink investigation

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/unified-sportsmen-of-pa-want-answers-in-mink-investigation/article_e38efe70-9f61-11ee-8fa7-17df2367de46.html

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/12/city-focused-on-improvements-to-businesses-and-nonprofits/>

Energy

Tribune-Review: Terry Fitzpatrick: Beyond platitudes on clean energy

<https://triblive.com/opinion/terry-fitzpatrick-beyond-platitudes-on-clean-energy/>

Shamokin News-Item: Shamokin Township solar project approved by county planning commission

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/shamokin-township-solar-project-approved-by-county-planning-commission/article_3cddc80f-281f-5077-b31a-5960d9293c11.html

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121923/page/1/story/solar-farm-needs-supers-ok>

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Times Observer: Allegheny Valley Veterans Center seeks oil and gas rights

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2023/12/allegheny-valley-veterans-center-seeks-oil-and-gas-rights/>

Shamokin News-Item: Gift of lower gas prices continues

https://www.newsitem.com/news/business/gift-of-local-lower-gas-prices-continues/article_a95bd299-8eff-5c2f-b9fb-9c82c7179276.html

Vector Management

Sunbury Daily Item: Culver bill would require retailers warn about bird flu outbreaks

https://www.dailyitem.com/cnhi_network/culver-bill-would-require-retailers-warn-about-bird-flu-outbreaks/article_fe86ed7d-e2cd-5544-a399-edd0f4eedf0c.html

Waste

abc27: Harrisburg passes 2024 budget with trash bill increase

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/harrisburg/harrisburg-passes-2024-budget-with-trash-bill-increase/>

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Butler Eagle: Buffalo Township and Chicora to receive grant money for water system projects

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20231221/buffalo-twp-and-chicora-to-receive-grant-money-for-water-system-projects/>

Corry Journal: Clymer town gets \$5 million water grant

https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_cd1ba23c-9f6c-11ee-9a86-e7ffc35f2c28.html

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Indiana Gazette: PUC halts PAW rate increase request

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<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/rate-increases-pennsylvania-american-water-customers-suspended-pending-investigation/7DNZB7L4CJAI7OSRPDZI3SMLZM/>

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<https://nextpittsburgh.com/city-design/pittsburgh-potties-trial-run-demonstrates-the-need-for-more-public-toilets/>

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Altoona Mirror: Water Authority raising rates in 2024

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<https://www.abc27.com/news/pa-public-utility-commission-suspends-rate-increases-for-water-services/>

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<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/county-prison-installs-water-flushing-system-to-help-eliminate-legionella/>

Grid: EPA seeks to improve dissolved oxygen levels and water quality in urban stretch of Delaware River

<https://gridphilly.com/blog-home/2023/12/20/epa-seeks-to-improve-dissolved-oxygen-levels-and-water-quality-in-urban-stretch-of-delaware-river/>

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/norfolk-southern-train-derailment-altoona-railyard-pennsylvania-blair-officials>

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<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2023-12-21/us-steel-sale-reactions>

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https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/many-pennsylvania-permits-eligible-for-slow-response-refund/article_a4e8f212-9f42-11ee-baf5-5f3e84b14f74.html

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