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Top DEP Stories

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: State's water probe expands

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120925/page/1/story/states-water-probe-expands>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Official: State DEP oversaw sewage sludge spreading

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120925/page/1/story/official-state-dep-oversaw-sewage-sludge-spreading>

Mentions

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Knowns and unknowns of forever chemicals

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121025/page/6/story/knowns-and-unknowns-of-forever-chemicals>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Geisinger to study chemicals

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121025/page/1/story/geisinger-to-study-chemicals>

Conservation and Recreation

Allegheny Front: How Trump rollbacks on water and species protection could impact Pennsylvania

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/endangered-species-clean-water-act-trump-rollbacks-pennsylvania/>

Milton Standard-Journal: Chillisquaque Creek nominated for River of the Year

https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/article_cca609a3-d53d-41dd-9be6-527834d004d5.html

Data Centers

WNEP: Lackawanna County leaders learn about data centers on trip to Virginia's 'Data Center Alley'

<https://www.wnep.com/article/features/only-on-16/lackawanna-county-leaders-learn-about-data-centers-on-trip-to-virginias-data-center-alley-action-16-investigates-loudon-county-ai/523-14a12e54-0b49-48db-8329-3df145caeb38>

WBRE: Lackawanna County leaders take trip to "Data Center Alley"

<https://www.2822news.com/news/lackawanna-county-leaders-take-trip-to-data-center-alley/>

WOLF: Local leaders visit Virginia's 'Data Center Alley' to assess impact on Lackawanna County

<https://fox56.com/news/local/local-leaders-visit-virginias-data-center-alley-to-assess-impact-on-lackawanna-county>

Scranton Times: Dickson City receives four data center proposals

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/12/11/dickson-city-receives-four-data-center-proposals/>

Pottstown Mercury: East Coventry planners reject data center ordinance change

Constellation Energy had asked for the change after buying property along Route 724

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/12/12/east-coventry-planners-reject-data-center-ordinance-change/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Ordinance limits data centers

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121225/page/1/story/ordinance-limits-data-centers>

Sayre Morning-Times: Data center proposal draws concerns in Wysox

https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_0f5e878a-c309-517b-877f-ead67cf702a5.html

Energy

WJAC: Centre County solar project faces uncertainty as projected savings dwindle

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/centre-county-solar-project-faces-uncertainty-as-projected-savings-dwindle>

NBC10: New Jersey declares State of Emergency due to propane distribution issues

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/new-jersey-declares-state-of-emergency-due-to-propane-distribution-issues/4315139/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: N.J. Gov. Murphy declares emergency to ease propane delivery woes caused by Delco facility disruption

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/new-jersey/new-jersey-governor-phil-murphy-emergency-declaration-propane-20251211.html>

WHYY: New Jersey under state of emergency Friday due to propane shortage

<https://whyy.org/articles/new-jersey-state-of-emergency-propane-shortage/y>

Kane Republican: Commissioners approve probation grants; DA questions wind energy enforcement

https://www.kanerepublican.com/news/commissioners-approve-probation-grants-da-questions-wind-energy-enforcement/article_a6d82640-5084-4a7b-9c7b-954e689b3787.html

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Pottstown Mercury: \$1 million just the beginning for Boyertown Landfill contamination

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/12/12/1-million-just-the-beginning-for-boyertown-landfill-contamination/>

Mining

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Would Pa. coal miners really turn down a 'beautiful, magnificent' Manhattan penthouse, as Trump claims? We asked them.

<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/donald-trump-miners-career-lifestyle-20251211.html?query=Energy>

Waste

The Mon Valley Independent: No tax hike in Donora, but sewer fee will double

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/12/12/no-tax-hike-in-donora-but-sewer-fee-will-double/>

Tribune-Review: Jeannette reverts to Valley Landfill for waste disposal, citing logistical concerns

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/jeannette-reverts-to-valley-landfill-for-waste-disposal-citing-logistical-concerns/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Transfer station hearing to be continued for more testimony

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121125/page/1/story/transfer-station-hearing-to-be-continued-for-more-testimony>

Water

Tribune-Democrat: Water authority to begin construction at North Fork Dam; expects state to order work at another dam, too

https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/water-authority-to-begin-construction-at-north-fork-dam-expects-state-to-order-work-at/article_9ba18bbb-369d-469b-a757-ac9ab437fafa.html

The Times Herald: Perkiomen Creek Mapping and Flood Mitigation Plan completed

<https://www.timesherald.com/2025/12/12/perkiomen-creek-mapping-and-flood-mitigation-plan-completed/>

Record-Argus: West Salem sewer board receives informal \$2.35M offer from Aqua

https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/west-salem-sewer-board-receives-informal-2-35m-offer-from-aqua/article_91eb92b5-9b4d-4c69-bbd7-16613c43af2d.html

Gant News: Great PA News Quiz: A new role for Shapiro, base seeks drone designation, and gifting a newspaper

<https://gantnews.com/2025/12/06/great-pa-news-quiz-new-role-for-shapiro-base-seeks-drone-designation-and-gifting-a-newspaper/>

Miscellaneous

Pittsburgh Manifold: Pittsburgh Manifold and the Mon Bomber Mystery

<https://www.pittsburghmanifold.com/post/pittsburgh-manifold-and-the-mon-bomber-mystery>

Allegheny Front: Penn State student documentary 'Rethinking 322' explores ways to minimize construction impacts

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/penn-state-student-documentary-rethinking-322-alternatives-state-college-area-connector/>

WFMZ: Bethlehem planners advance 7-story apartment building approved for former Wells Fargo building

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/bethlehem-area/bethlehem-planners-advance-7-story-apartment-building-approved-for-former-wells-fargo-building/article_c69ebfde-90b0-4a0a-8dd2-d593d93f33bf.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories

Republican Herald: Labor and Industry Secretary Nancy Walker visits, commends STC electrical program

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/12/11/labor-and-industry-secretary-nancy-walker-visits-commends-stc-electrical-program/>

Standard Speaker: Luzerne County arena authority completes \$1.3M sale of land for hotel by arena

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/12/11/luzerne-county-arena-authority-completes-1-3m-sale-of-land-for-hotel-by-arena/>

Citizens Voice: Luzerne County arena authority completes \$1.3M sale of land for hotel by arena

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/12/11/luzerne-county-arena-authority-completes-1-3m-sale-of-land-for-hotel-by-arena/>