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Top DEP Stories

Daily Times: PA, western Delco fuel tank farm report major leak of up to 9,000 barrels

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2025/12/24/pa-western-delco-fuel-tank-farm-report-major-leak-of-up-to-9000-barrels/>

Scranton Times: DEP to hold meeting on 'Project Gravity' data centers in Archbald

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/12/23/dep-to-hold-meeting-on-project-gravity-data-centers-in-archbald/>

Mentions

Pittsburgh Business Times: Homer City natural gas plant permit faces appeals from environmental groups and 13 youth

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/12/23/homer-city-youth-development-permit-climate.html>

WESA: Pa. environmental groups appeal permit for massive gas power plant meant to fuel data center

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-12-24/pa-environmental-permit-gas-power-plant-data-center>

Avian Bird Flu

Meadville Tribune: Game Commission: Bird flu kills hundreds of Canada geese at Pymatuning

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/game-commission-bird-flu-kills-hundreds-of-canada-geese-at-pymatuning/article_a81292db-e86b-4589-99ba-51a7fe586e81.html

Air

WNEP: 13 people displaced after fire in Carbon County

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/carbon-county/fire-damages-houses-in-carbon-county-nesquehoning/523-a90a4acb-8348-4627-bb07-cef15b231b0b>

WOLF: Christmas night blaze rips through Nesquehoning home, several families homeless

<https://fox56.com/news/local/christmas-night-blaze-rips-through-nesquehoning-home-forcing-families-homeless>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: How pink salmon made it to the Great Lakes, and why they get so big there
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/12/26/pink-salmon-great-lakes-lake-erie-pa-pittsburgh/stories/202512190001>

Axios: The Johnstown Flood story lives on at these sites
<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/12/23/johnstown-flood-museum-memorial-history-pittsburgh>

The Inquirer: Schuylkill Trail sinkhole repaired, area reopened for Christmas Eve 'as a holiday present'
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/schuylkill-river-trail-sinkhole-repair-reopened-20251224.html#loaded>

Huntingdon Daily News: First day hike planned at Trough Creek
https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/first-day-hike-planned-at-trough-creek/article_e8489459-26c6-476f-8c89-90f60451e50c.html

Data Centers

KDKA: Pennsylvania lawmakers exploring how to regulate data centers, which drive up residents' utility bills
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-lawmakers-data-centers-legislation/>

The Daily Item: Public comments sought on air quality plan for Shamokin Dam power plant proposed to feed AI data centers
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/public-comments-sought-on-air-quality-plan-for-shamokin-dam-power-plant-proposed-to-feed/article_c88ad1c4-02a5-4dc3-8013-52da76af1f0d.html

Energy

Altoona Mirror: Energy programs to benefit over 20K
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/12/energy-programs-to-benefit-over-20k/>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: FERC approves major changes to Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate route and capacity
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/12/22/mountain-valley-pipeline-southgate-changes.html>

Times Observer: Forest Service expands on Elk County site closures
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/12/forest-service-expands-on-elk-county-site-closures/>

PA Environment Digest Blogs: US Forest Service Conducting Federal Superfund Pollution Assessment Of Abandoned American Refining Group Oil & Gas Facilities In Allegheny National Forest
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/12/warren-times-us-forest-service.html>

Waste

CBS21: City of York announces Christmas tree collection dates
<https://local21news.com/news/local/city-of-york-announces-christmas-tree-collection-dates-trash-pick-up-public-works-january-5-16-ornaments-lights-tinsel-tree-stands-pennsylvania-pa>

Times Leader: Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority uses new technology to restore interceptor beneath levee
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1728145/wyoming-valley-sanitary-authority-uses-new-technology-to-restore-interceptor-beneath-levee>

Water

The Daily Review: Water rate increase on tap for Troy Borough
https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/water-rate-increase-on-tap-for-troy-borough/article_8509a2c6-5cc3-4688-b952-c3fd28ae038b.html

Butler Eagle: Evans City officials preparing to tackle multiple stormwater, infrastructure projects
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20251226/evans-city-officials-preparing-to-tackle-multiple-stormwater-infrastructure-projects/>

Miscellaneous

The Inquirer: With the smoke cleared, key questions emerge in the wake of a deadly nursing home blast
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/nursing-home-explosion-bristol-township-peco-gas-timeline-20251224.html>

Lehighvalleynews: Amid removal of homeless camp, here's how Bethlehem says it's helping those affected
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/bethlehem/amid-removal-of-homeless-camp-heres-how-bethlehem-says-its-helping-those-affected>

Citizens Voice: Wyoming Valley Mall to remain closed Friday
<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/12/24/wyoming-valley-mall-closed-due-to-power-outage/>