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Top DEP Stories

WICU-TV: 37% of Pennsylvania Streams Are Impaired in New DEP Report

https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/harrisburg/37-of-pennsylvania-streams-are-impaired-in-new-dep-report/article_5fd2d9ef-4657-5379-a46f-da381bdfcbc8.html

Mentions

The Derrick: New generator will cut overtime, preserve equipment at Franklin sewer plant

https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/franklin-wastewater-plant-emergency-generator-installation/article_4c821226-484e-4fa3-8d1f-c67a39793d99.html

Butler Eagle: Bernie's Mobile Home Park experiences more water issues

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260212/bernies-mobile-home-park-experiences-more-water-issues/?CSAuthResp=1634089911%3A173807578679725%3A19827%3A1%3A24%3Asuccess%3AFC33C4817E6A1CD10FE59F45037BD376>

Wellsboro Gazette: Stream cleaning bills could be key to flood prevention (Op-Ed by Sen. Yaw)

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/opinion/stream-cleaning-bills-could-be-key-to-flood-prevention-opinion-column-by-sen-gene-yaw/article_d2474c2d-2e00-4f3e-987a-e4c2ecdb0888.html

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

Public Source: After deadly explosion, safety and environmental lapses at U.S. Steel's flagship coke works now rest with Nippon

<https://www.publicsource.org/us-steel-clairton-coke-works-safety-environmental-accountability/>

TribLive: After deadly explosion, safety and environmental lapses at U.S. Steel's Clairton Coke Works now rest with Nippon

<https://triblive.com/local/after-deadly-explosion-safety-and-environmental-lapses-at-u-s-steels-clairton-coke-works-now-rest-with-nippon/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: As East Palestine grapples with train derailment's toxic aftermath, a House bill threatens to gut some protections

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2026/02/12/east-palestine-derailment-toxic-substances-control-act-epa/stories/202602100079>

Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: McCandless named 96th designated Bird Town in Pennsylvania

<https://triblive.com/local/mccandless-named-96th-designated-bird-town-in-pennsylvania/>

Lebtown: Lebanon County conservation, farmland preservation celebrated at banquet

<https://lebtown.com/2026/02/12/lebanon-county-conservation-farmland-preservation-celebrated-at-banquet/>

Data Centers

Allegheny Front: One proposed data center could use 20 million gallons of water a year

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/delaware-river-data-center-water-usage/>

Beaver County Times: Why Big Beaver residents are worried about a data center at Pitt Race

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2026/02/12/data-center-beaver-county-pa/88533082007/>

Pennlive: Why this Cumberland County farmer said no to \$15M from data center developers

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/02/why-this-pennsylvania-farmer-said-no-to-15-million-from-data-center-developers.html>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Residents Push Back On Data Center Plan

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/residents-push-back-on-data-center-plan/>

Energy

TribLive: Solar power project proposed for Palmer Regional, Rostraver airports

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/solar-power-project-proposed-for-palmer-regional-rostraver-airports/>

WESA: Here's why electric bills are getting more expensive in Pennsylvania

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-02-12/electric-bills-expensive-pennsylvania-cost>

Warren Times: Shapiro's power plans draw mixed reactions

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/02/shapiros-power-plans-draw-mixed-reactions/>

Altoona Mirror: Windmill loads to travel through region

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/02/windmill-loads-to-travel-through-region/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Utility companies report on rate hikes

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/utility-companies-report-on-rate-hikes/article_12b93240-b3a6-4e82-84fe-3f6bd5d10f5d.html

WFMZ: Reading City Hall parking lot gets OK for solar canopy, carport; zoners hold off on decision for public works lot

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/reading-city-hall-parking-lot-gets-ok-for-solar-canopy-carport-zoners-hold-off-on/article_05799a2b-f68d-4f68-90ac-5df1fe066b28.html

Water

TribLive: Eminent domain may be next for flood control project in Greensburg's Northmont neighborhood

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/eminant-domain-may-be-next-for-flood-control-project-in-greensburgs-northmont-neighborhood/>

WPXI: Broken water line causes landslide, damaging property in Westmoreland County

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/broken-water-line-causes-landslide-damaging-property-westmoreland-county/UAMNWSMUGVGKVMQXSFP6MH6M44/>

WPXI: Ramp to Downtown Pittsburgh closed for emergency water main repair

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/ramp-downtown-pittsburgh-closed-emergency-water-main-repair/MHAA72ORDJGIZHKNURTFVAQXSY/>

WTAE: Water main break on West Carson Street closes ramp to Downtown Pittsburgh

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-water-main-break-west-carson-street/70315252>

The Derrick: Aqua Pennsylvania reaches settlement to buy Venango Water Company

https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/aqua-pennsylvania-venango-water-company-settlement-purchase/article_7f7637d2-62a9-4587-8291-48e3f8604b2c.html

Meadville Tribune: Linesville gets update on water lines

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Record-Argus: Greenville Water sale to close March 3

https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/greenville-water-sale-to-close-march-3/article_f512262a-c5e6-4077-b478-867832c7df8b.html

Reading Eagle: Water filtration system to be installed at Gilbertsville Elementary School

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/02/12/water-filtration-system-to-be-installed-at-gilbertsville-elementary-school/>

Lebtown: W. Cornwall authority explores CoLA for wastewater treatment to reduce costs

<https://lebtown.com/2026/02/12/w-cornwall-authority-explores-cola-for-wastewater-treatment-to-reduce-costs/>

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Westfield Twp. awarded \$2.1M for flood damage

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Miscellaneous

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Lancaster Farming: Wetland Engineering Experts in the Mid-Atlantic Work to Restore Natural Landscapes

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