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## Top DEP Stories

Warren Times: Department of Environmental Protection progresses in Chapman Dam well-plugging project

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/02/departments-of-environmental-protection-progresses-in-chapman-dam-well-plugging-project/>

## Mentions

Delco Times: Pipeline company holding open office hours in Aston in wake of major leak

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2026/02/18/pipeline-company-holding-open-office-hours-in-aston-after-major-leak/>

Patch.com: Air Quality Wednesday Could Be Harmful To Some In Philly Region: PA DEP

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/philadelphia/air-quality-wednesday-could-be-harmful-some-philly-region-pa-dep>

CBS3 news: Air quality alert in effect for Philadelphia and surrounding Pennsylvania counties

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/air-quality-alert-philadelphia-chester-norristown-pennsylvania/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Required Merck meeting is short on information

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/021826/page/1/story/required-merck-meeting-is-short-on-information>

## Air

Lancasters Online: Air quality alert for Lancaster County extended into Wednesday

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/air-quality-alert-for-lancaster-county-extended-into-wednesday/article\\_90e3c977-0c4d-498c-86c1-311a39090736.html?utm\\_source=asset\\_link&utm\\_medium=Local%20News&utm\\_campaign=user\\_choice](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/air-quality-alert-for-lancaster-county-extended-into-wednesday/article_90e3c977-0c4d-498c-86c1-311a39090736.html?utm_source=asset_link&utm_medium=Local%20News&utm_campaign=user_choice)

CBS3 news: Philadelphia launches real-time air quality monitoring system: "This is public health in action"

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-launches-real-time-air-quality-monitoring-system/>

6abc: Philadelphia launches 'Breathe Philly' air quality monitoring network

<https://6abc.com/post/philadelphia-launches-breathe-philly-air-quality-monitoring-network/18616831/>

WHYY: New network of 76 air monitors throughout Philadelphia provides detailed look at air quality  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-air-pollution-76-new-monitors/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: The most recent archery hunts in city parks culled 28% fewer deer than last year

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/02/17/deer-management-pittsburgh-parks/stories/202602170081>

KDKA: Video shows wild turkey visiting bald eagle nest tree in Pittsburgh

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/video-wild-turkey-visits-bald-eagles-nest/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: A historic Chesco bridge will be rehabbed to extend a scenic trail

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/downingtwn-trestle-bridge-rehab-chester-valley-trail-20260218.html>

The Kensington Voice: New workshop series asks Kensington residents to help shape greener public spaces

<https://www.kensingtonvoice.com/nkcdc-green-space-kickoff-kensington-engagement-center/>

## **Data Centers**

KDKA: Beaver Valley could become center of AI infrastructure for region

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/ai-infrastructure-beaver-valley/>

WOLF56: DEP holds public hearing on Project Hazelnut as NorthPoint appeal remains in court

<https://fox56.com/news/local/dep-holds-public-hearing-on-project-hazelnut-as-northpoint-appeal-remains-in-court>

WBRE: Township zoning decision on hold after pushback

<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/township-zoning-decision-on-hold-after-pushback/>

Pennlive: Pennsylvania's data centers are flooding rural communities with dangerous light pollution

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2026/02/pennsylvanias-data-centers-are-flooding-rural-communities-with-dangerous-light-pollution-opinion.html>

ABC27: Franklin County Commissioners propose data center development guidelines

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/franklin-county-commissioners-propose-data-center-development-guidelines/>

FOX43: Franklin County Commissioners introduce proposed guidelines for data center development

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/franklin-county/franklin-county-commissioners-proposed-guidelines-data-center-development/521-c856df6c-7d36-431a-a85a-7e829600c572>

CBS21: Franklin County Commissioners propose data center development guidelines

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/franklin-county-commissioners-propose-data-center-development-guidelines/>

## **Waste**

Indiana Gazette: Waste Management plans may be costly to Homer-Center authority, customers

[https://www.indianagazette.com/news/waste-management-plans-may-be-costly-to-homer-center-authority-customers/article\\_e6a40d79-6851-41e8-ad05-4bc3668b4561.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/news/waste-management-plans-may-be-costly-to-homer-center-authority-customers/article_e6a40d79-6851-41e8-ad05-4bc3668b4561.html)

Lancaster Online: Caernarvon officials allow Lanchester Landfill to expand, adding 10 more years of capacity

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/caernarvon-officials-allow-lanchester-landfill-to-expand-adding-10-more-years-of-capacity/article\\_fe53578d-150f-4f1a-b0c6-ec1013d9c1b5.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/caernarvon-officials-allow-lanchester-landfill-to-expand-adding-10-more-years-of-capacity/article_fe53578d-150f-4f1a-b0c6-ec1013d9c1b5.html)

## **Water**

WTAE: Contractor strikes water line in Greene County; Large area impacted

<https://www.wtae.com/article/contractor-strikes-water-line-waynesburg-greene-county/70396865>

Lehighvalleylive: Lehigh Valley weather: How bad is the drought, and how much rain are we expecting?

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/weather/2026/02/lehigh-valley-weather-how-bad-is-the-drought-and-how-much-rain-are-we-expecting.html>

Republican Herald: Shenandoah remains under Declaration of Emergency

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/02/18/shenandoah-remains-under-declaration-of-emergency-2/>

WFMZ: Thousands remain without water service; boil water advisory remains in effect in Shenandoah after water main break

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/poconos-coal/schuylkill-county/thousands-remain-without-water-service-boil-water-advisory-remains-in-effect-in-shenandoah-after-water/article\\_472cbff2-e841-40c7-a3da-c4f7a6a8d8c0.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/poconos-coal/schuylkill-county/thousands-remain-without-water-service-boil-water-advisory-remains-in-effect-in-shenandoah-after-water/article_472cbff2-e841-40c7-a3da-c4f7a6a8d8c0.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories)

WFMZ: RAWA crews work to repair two water main breaks in Reading

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/rawa-crews-work-to-repair-two-water-main-breaks-in-reading/article\\_640ff4c4-64d3-44e6-bc7f-b15eb23bdc51.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/rawa-crews-work-to-repair-two-water-main-breaks-in-reading/article_640ff4c4-64d3-44e6-bc7f-b15eb23bdc51.html)

Bucks County Today: Pedestrian Bridge to Fill Newtown Trail Gap Moves Forward With Bid Process

<https://bucksco.today/2026/02/newtown-creek-pedestrian-bridge/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Latrobe Bulletin: Pick Up Pennsylvania launches America 250 cleanup effort

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/pick-up-pennsylvania-launches-america-250-cleanup-effort/article\\_342095e3-9623-4904-89df-c4cf14059b21.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/pick-up-pennsylvania-launches-america-250-cleanup-effort/article_342095e3-9623-4904-89df-c4cf14059b21.html)

WFMZ: Transformer explosion causes underground fire in Pottstown, leaving people, businesses without power

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/southeastern-pa/upper-montgomery-county/transformer-explosion-causes-underground-fire-in-pottstown-leaving-people-businesses-without-power/article\\_83d78a8a-e2f1-4d35-9a1f-55bc150f99b2.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/southeastern-pa/upper-montgomery-county/transformer-explosion-causes-underground-fire-in-pottstown-leaving-people-businesses-without-power/article_83d78a8a-e2f1-4d35-9a1f-55bc150f99b2.html)

Lancaster Online: West Earl Township response to sinkhole shines amid PennDOT's absence

[https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/west-earl-township-response-to-sinkhole-shines-amid-penn-dot-s-absence-column/article\\_8e15d4e3-d571-46fd-b2cb-8e3186a5cb99.html](https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/west-earl-township-response-to-sinkhole-shines-amid-penn-dot-s-absence-column/article_8e15d4e3-d571-46fd-b2cb-8e3186a5cb99.html)

York Daily Record: ICE warehouses may be a positive for community, U.S. Rep. Meuser says

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/02/17/rep-meuser-responds-to-ice-concerns-after-federal-warehouse-purchases/88719222007/>

WFMZ: Shutdown may delay answers about planned ICE facility in Berks County

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/shutdown-may-delay-answers-about-planned-ice-facility-in-berks-county/article\\_c4f079e0-33b2-4d06-a1d8-d8354481a9d7.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/shutdown-may-delay-answers-about-planned-ice-facility-in-berks-county/article_c4f079e0-33b2-4d06-a1d8-d8354481a9d7.html)

6abc: Massive snow pile in Grays Ferry vacant lot sparks concerns about flooding

<https://6abc.com/post/massive-snow-pile-philadelphia-vacant-lot-sparks-concerns-flooding/18613238/>

NBC10: Neighbors worry about growing snow pile storage site in Greys Ferry

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/video/news/local/neighbors-worry-about-growing-snow-pile-storage-site-in-greys-ferry/4354646/>