

Air Quality

Pa. industry leaders take aim at EPA's power plant rule (Harrisburg Patriot-News) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposal for slashing carbon emissions from the nation's power plants has two powerful opponents in the Keystone State — the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance and The Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2014/10/epa_power_plant_rule_pennsylva.html#incart_river

Energy

W. Goshen officials vow to continue fight against pipeline (Pottstown Mercury) -- Officials in a Chester County township assured residents Wednesday that they would continue to fight if the state Public Utility Commission decides to allow Sunoco Pipeline L.P. to go around local zoning laws for further development along its Marcellus Shale Mariner East pipeline.

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20141009_W_Goshen_officials_vow_to_continue_fight_against_pipeline.html

IDA declines to endorse Finger Lakes LPG project (Sayre Morning Times) -- Several Tioga County residents at Wednesday's meeting of the county Industrial Development Agency stated concerns about the IDA possibly endorsing a proposed gas storage facility in Schuyler County.

http://www.morning-times.com/news/article_66a62d8d-cf0e-51ca-b94c-cea763dc81f0.html

Route of proposed W.Va.-Va. pipeline revised (Washington Observer Reporter) -- Energy companies revised the route of a proposed natural gas pipeline that would run from West Virginia to Virginia.

<http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20141008/NEWS04/141009476>

EQT's Mountain Valley Pipeline project moves forward (Pittsburgh Business Times) -- EQT Corp. and NextEra Energy Inc.'s pipeline joint

venture has landed firm commitments for about all of the listed capacity in its proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline, allowing the project to advance.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/blog/energy/2014/10/eqts-mountain-valley-pipeline-project-moves.html>

As price of oil drops, so could drilling (Pittsburgh Tribune Review) -- The shale boom is producing record amounts of oil as demand weakens, pushing prices down toward levels that threaten to reduce drilling.

<http://triblive.com/business/headlines/6931310-74/oil-prices-shale#ixzz3FeMq8BCR>

Williams residents: Don't let pipeline ruin scenery (Allentown Morning Call) -- At a meeting more than 100 people attended, Williams Township residents said they don't want to see their hillsides and farmland changed to accommodate a 100-mile natural gas pipeline.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/local/mc-williams-township-penneast-pipeline-20141008-story.html>

PennEast files documents with detailed route of proposed pipeline (Allentown Morning Call) -- PennEast has upped the size of the natural gas pipeline it plans to route through Northampton County from the originally proposed 30-inch diameter to 36 inches.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/local/mc-pa-penneast-pipeline-details-20141008-story.html>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Environmental justice group tours Chester industrial sites (Delaware County Daily Times) -- Fresh from a recent battle against a city trash incinerator, leaders of Chester Environmental Justice are seeking to educate others about the potential dangers associated with Chester's large industrial area.

<http://www.delcotimes.com/general-news/20141008/environmental-justice-group-tours-chester-industrial-sites>

Oil and Gas

Group makes well requests (Butler Eagle) -- The parents group that opposes the Geyer gas wells that are being developed within a mile of Mars School District's five schools made specific requests of the school board on Tuesday night.

<http://www.butlereagle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20141008/NEWS01/710089853#sthash.Q1Xp1ndJ.dpuf>

Senate OKs Hutchinson bill promoting conventional oil production (Oil City Derrick) -- The state Senate on Wednesday approved legislation introduced by Sen. Scott Hutchinson (R-21) of Oil City that will protect and promote conventional oil production in Pennsylvania.

http://www.thederrick.com/news/community_news/senate-oks-hutchinson-bill-promoting-conventional-oil-production/article_a2f4b129-6784-5c2d-8d7a-4950accd52fc.html

Changes proposed to oil and gas ordinance (St. Marys Daily Press) -- In response to a growing Marcellus Shale presence in the St. Marys, City Council has proposed tighter restrictions in its draft oil and gas zoning ordinance.

<http://www.smdailypress.com/content/changes-proposed-oil-and-gas-ordinance>

Pa. judges seek balance for leasing park, forest land to drillers (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) -- The judges on Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court on Wednesday tried to sort out the standard that the state government must meet to lease parks and forests for shale gas extraction without violating its responsibility to protect public natural resources.

<http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/policy-powersource/2014/10/09/Pa-judges-seek-balance-for-leasing-park-forest-land-to-drillers/stories/201410080184>

Letter to The Editor: DEP should model Colorado on regulating drillers (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) -- Back in July, the Post-Gazette reported that the state Department of Environmental Protection has logged 209 cases of oil and gas production damaging water supplies since 2007.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2014/10/09/DEP-is-not-keeping-up-with-the-boom/stories/201410310010>

Opinion Editorial: Joe Nocera / Drilling's moment of truth (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) -- In March, the Obama administration issued a white paper as part of its Climate Action Plan titled "Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions."

<http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2014/10/09/Drilling-s-moment-of-truth/stories/201410090153>

Radiation Protection

Limerick nuke plant leaks 100 gallons of bleach into the Schuylkill River (Pottstown Mercury) -- A faulty valve at Exelon Nuclear's Limerick Generating Station caused about 100 gallons of bleach to leak into the Schuylkill River Tuesday night.

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20141008/limerick-nuke-plant-leaks-100-gallons-of-bleach-into-the-schuylkill-river>

Waste

Municipalities instructed to update haz-mat plans (Clarion News) -- Clarion County's Office of Emergency Services is conducting its required annual review of the county's Hazardous Mitigation Plan, and it means all 34 of the counties municipalities will need to take action.

http://www.theclarionnews.com/news/frontpage/article_2ebfa9d2-90e0-59aa-9321-fe882d5f9c5e.html

Lower Mount Bethel zoners reject plans to import stumps to dump (Easton Express Times) -- The owner of a controversial Lower Mount Bethel Township stump dump believes the only way he can raise money to clean up the property is to bring in more stumps to grind up.

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/index.ssf/2014/10/stump_dump_neighbors_avoid_dj.html

Water

Commissioners give Ridgway \$28,721 for flood expenses (DuBois Courier Express) -- During its meeting Tuesday, the board of Elk County commissioners presented a check for \$28,721.84 to borough manager Kim Zimmerman to help offset expenses associated with the May 21 flood of the Clarion River/Elk Creek waterways.

http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/article_2616b174-4ee6-11e4-b818-17b49c04c5bb.html

Pennsylvania Regulators Pursue Record \$4.5 Million Fine Over Leaking Fracking Waste Pit (Huffington Post) -- Pennsylvania environmental regulators are pursuing a record \$4.5 million fine against a gas driller over what they describe as a major case of pollution from a leaking waste pit.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/07/regulators-pursue-fine-fracking_n_5945734.html?utm_hp_ref=fracking

Chemical leaks into Montco stormwater basin (Philadelphia Inquirer) -- About 100 gallons of sodium hypochlorite leaked into a Schuylkill storage basin from the Limerick Generating Station, Exelon Corp. announced Wednesday.

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20141009_Chemical_leaks_into_Montco_stormwater_basin.html

Whitpain, Ambler contribute to Rose Valley flood study (Times Herald) -- Whitpain Township and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have partnered together to complete a detailed flood hazard study for the Rose Valley Creek Watershed. Now Ambler Borough is joining in to do its part to help finish the study's flood hazard analysis.

<http://www.timesherald.com/general-news/20141008/whitpain-ambler-contribute-to-rose-valley-flood-study>

Lounsberry site sewer project completed (Sayre Morning Times) -- The Tioga County Industrial Development Agency voted Wednesday to pay the contractor that recently extended a sanitary sewer line to an IDA-owned site in Lounsberry.

http://www.morning-times.com/news/article_e47e2991-9eda-5c30-80da-1dd30ea09a4b.html

Wyalusing Township Eyeing Water, Sewer Service (Wyalusing Rocket Courier) -- Don't be alarmed if an employee of Milnes Engineering or a Bradford County Sanitation employee comes knocking at your door, asking to test your water or sewer, starting today.

http://www.rocket-courier.com/news/2014-10-09/Local_News/Wyalusing_Township_Eyeing_Water_Sewer_Service.html

Greenville Water Authority approves new manager (Greenville Record Argus) -- The Greenville Water Authority plans to have a new leader in place as early as the end of the month.

http://www.recordargusnews.com/news/2014-10-09/Front_Page/Greenville_Water_Authority_approves_new_manager.html

Dormont hires firm to develop rainwater runoff fee system (Pittsburgh Tribune Review) -- Dormont will pay a consultant \$55,645 to develop a fee system to pay for storm sewer improvements, with the intent of setting money aside to prevent flooding

<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/allegHENYneighborhoods/allegHENYneighborhoodsmore/6907890-74/system-pay-borough#ixzz3Fe9SMGe4>

Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority hit with \$114K fine (Pittsburgh Tribune Review) -- The Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority has to pay the state Department of Environmental Protection a \$114,000 civil penalty for failing to issue a boil-water notice in November

<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourpenntafford/yourpenntaffordmore/6919436-74/authority-officials-fine#ixzz3FeBfllhO>

Spring Brook Twp. Sewer Authority to address old infrastructure with grant (Scranton Times-Tribune) -- Replacing pumps. The Spring Brook Twp. Sewer Authority will replace some of its aging grinder pumps and upgrade one of its aeration systems with \$125,000 in state money.

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/spring-brook-twp-sewer-authority-to-address-old-infrastructure-with-grant-1.1768055>

Cost of required Spring Brook Twp. sewer plant upgrade approaches \$1 million (Scranton Times-Tribune) -- Upgrading the township's 20-year-old sewer plant to keep up with increasingly stringent state environmental standards will cost nearly \$1 million.

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/cost-of-required-spring-brook-twp-sewer-plant-upgrade-approaches-1-million-1.1768056>