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## Top DEP Stories

WPXI: New report finds 40% of Pennsylvania homes have high levels of cancer-causing radon gas  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/new-report-finds-40-pennsylvania-homes-have-high-levels-cancer-causing-radon-gas/DH32YOHMJBBCHMPVBVX3I3ZDTM/>

## Mentions

Daily Courier: Donegal Township gets big boost for future sewage treatment plant  
[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/donegal-township-gets-big-boost-for-future-sewage-treatment-plant/article\\_d3fd8f78-a982-11ee-af36-53ffd4f4cd37.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/donegal-township-gets-big-boost-for-future-sewage-treatment-plant/article_d3fd8f78-a982-11ee-af36-53ffd4f4cd37.html)

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[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/donegal-township-gets-big-boost-for-future-sewage-treatment-plant/article\\_0227937f-a041-575d-aa26-22698cf322cb.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/donegal-township-gets-big-boost-for-future-sewage-treatment-plant/article_0227937f-a041-575d-aa26-22698cf322cb.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Kulpmont environmentalist working to restore Shamokin Creek  
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Lock Haven Express: Council Oks resolution for wells in Wayne Township  
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Sunbury Daily Item: Yaw leads push on energy, environmental laws  
[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/yaw-leads-push-on-energy-environmental-laws/article\\_52b9f186-a59a-11ee-9602-977894928478.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/yaw-leads-push-on-energy-environmental-laws/article_52b9f186-a59a-11ee-9602-977894928478.html)

NorthcentralPA.com: Tioga County couple honored for efforts to restore Tioga River watershed  
[https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/tioga-county-couple-honored-for-efforts-to-restore-tioga-river-watershed/article\\_95c0ec7c-a5b9-11ee-83dc-3750eca2bcb0.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/tioga-county-couple-honored-for-efforts-to-restore-tioga-river-watershed/article_95c0ec7c-a5b9-11ee-83dc-3750eca2bcb0.html)

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WFMZ: Easy, lifesaving New Year's resolution: ' Lung association urges Pennsylvanians to get free radon test kits  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/easy-lifesaving-new-years-resolution-lung-association-urges-pennsylvanians-to-get-free-radon-test-kits/article\\_f70366d6-a915-11ee-8e47-f3141a7928bd.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/easy-lifesaving-new-years-resolution-lung-association-urges-pennsylvanians-to-get-free-radon-test-kits/article_f70366d6-a915-11ee-8e47-f3141a7928bd.html)

## **Air**

Morning Call: 4 years after demolition, work could begin on Martin Tower in 2024, and other Bethlehem developments coming next year

<https://www.mcall.com/2023/12/28/bethlehem-development-2024/>

## **Climate Change**

The Guardian: Climate scientists hail 2023 as 'beginning of the end' for fossil fuel era

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/dec/30/climate-scientists-hail-2023-as-beginning-of-the-end-for-fossil-fuel-era>

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Butler Eagle: Jennings hosts 'inspirational' hike for New Year

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240102/jennings-hosts-inspirational-hike-for-new-year/>

Times Observer: Urban Connections backpacking program comes to ANF

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/community/2023/12/urban-connections-backpacking-program-comes-to-anf/>

WESA: New Purple Lizard map highlights outdoor trails and recreation across Pa.

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-01-02/purple-lizard-map-pennsylvania-outdoor-recreation>

AP: As the Endangered Species Act turns 50, those who first enforced it reflect on its mixed legacy

<https://apnews.com/article/endangered-species-act-50-years-government-8274b017d3ca4c61eb571d610aa86d21>

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Altoona Mirror: Area state parks set to hold First Day Hike events

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## Energy

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Beaver County Radio: Report examines private-equity power plants, growing risks for communities  
<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/report-examines-private-equity-power-plants-growing-risks-for-communities/>

Tribune-Review: Peoples Gas seeks state approval of rate hikes in 2024  
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/peoples-gas-seeks-state-approval-of-rate-hike-in-2024/>

Sayre Morning-Times: Proposed solar ordinance amendment receives approval from Bradford County Commissioners  
[https://www.morning-times.com/news/article\\_735b40e5-1847-5b51-b022-f0759ae12d36.html](https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_735b40e5-1847-5b51-b022-f0759ae12d36.html)

WHYY: 'Hefty savings': Philadelphia plans energy efficiency upgrades for city buildings  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-plans-energy-efficiency-upgrades-for-city-buildings/>

WHYY: Philadelphia will power 25% of its buildings with solar energy from Adams County array by early 2024  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-solar-power-adams-county-pennsylvania/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Pennsylvania used to lead on energy. Now it's falling behind.  
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/energy-coal-renewables-pennsylvania-rggi-20240102.html>

## Oil and Gas

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<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/us-oil-output-fell-october-first-time-since-april-eia-2023-12-29/>

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<https://apnews.com/article/louisiana-epa-biden-carbon-capture-fossil-fuels-39bd36693f5acfd8455e246ae81ff67a>

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[https://www.newsitem.com/news/business/tis-the-season-for-lower-local-gas-prices/article\\_daaf945b-1411-58a0-9b39-d0524e984d15.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/business/tis-the-season-for-lower-local-gas-prices/article_daaf945b-1411-58a0-9b39-d0524e984d15.html)

## **Waste**

Williamsport sun-Gazette: Commissioners wrap up the year with loaded agenda; to provide fire training on lithium batteries

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/12/commissioners-wrap-up-the-year-with-loaded-agenda/>

## **Water**

Clarion Extra: Calls continue to halt of Washington sewage project

<http://clarionextra.com/calls-continue-to-halt-of-washington-sewage-project>

Times Observer: Commission halts Pa. American Water increase

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/01/commission-halts-pa-american-water-increase/>

Republican Herald: Schuylkill among 3 counties to get water, sewer funding

[https://www.republicanherald.com/news/schuylkill-among-3-counties-to-get-water-sewer-funding/article\\_d7636354-1ed2-5b8f-895b-e619504b60b9.html](https://www.republicanherald.com/news/schuylkill-among-3-counties-to-get-water-sewer-funding/article_d7636354-1ed2-5b8f-895b-e619504b60b9.html)

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<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2024/01/02/garrett-borough-receiving-funds-for-sidewalk-work-somerset-borough/72046837007/>

Northpennnow: Lansdale Thanks State Rep, Senator for Sewer Plant Grant

<https://northpennnow.com/lansdale-thanks-state-rep-senator-for-sewer-plant-grant-p7902-103.htm>

Central Penn Business Journal: Lancaster, Harrisburg gain state grants for projects

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Sentinel: Pennsylvania Farm Show returns Saturday

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