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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: Updated environmental policy at odds with Trump agenda

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/01/06/updated-environmental-policy-odds-trump-agenda/>

The Derrick: State updates environmental justice policy for first time in 20 years

https://www.thederrick.com/news/community_news/state-updates-environmental-justice-policy-for-first-time-in-20-years/article_585b81bc-264f-445d-9eb9-c4e76bfba9db.html

Mentions

Sunbury Daily Item: Pa. Supreme Court dismisses appeals to revive RGGI carbon credit program

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/pa-supreme-court-dismisses-appeals-to-revive-raggi-carbon-credit-program/article_00c84a24-6b7e-437b-aff4-aae78582823b.html

Air

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Nescopeck, Berwick odor ID'd as manure spread as fertilizer

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/010726/page/8/story/nescopeck-berwick-odor-idd-as-fertilizer>

Delco Times: Peppermint oil in the humidifier creates scare for Collingdale residents

<https://www.delcotimes.com/local-news/>

Conservation and Recreation

Reading Eagle: Berks Nature officials hoping new bus service will increase park visitors

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/01/06/berks-nature-officials-hoping-new-bus-service-will-increase-park-visitors/>

Bucks County Today: DelVal Receives Healing the Planet Grant to Support Student-Led Tree-Planting Initiative on Campus

<https://buckscotoday.com/2026/01/delval-receives-healing-the-planet-grant/>

Delco Today: Hiker Attacked by Coyote on Chester County Trail

<https://delcotoday.com/2026/01/hiker-attacked-by-coyote/>

Daily Local: Tom Comitta honored with top preservation award in West Chester

<https://www.dailylcom.com/2026/01/06/tom-comitta-honored-with-top-preservation-award-in-west-chester/>

Times Herald: Elmwood Park Zoo to expand on Norristown Farm Park land

<https://www.timesherald.com/2025/12/30/montgomery-county-grants-elmwood-park-zoo-space-on-norristown-farm-park-land/>

PA Environment Digest: Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy Partners With Robin Read, John Bierley To Conserve 116 Acres In Lycoming County

https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/01/northcentral-pennsylvania-conservancy_6.html

Data Centers

WNEP: Residents voice concerns over multi-data center plan 'Project Gravity' in Archbald

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/residents-voice-concerns-over-archbald-data-center-plan-lackawanna-county-project-gravity/523-af1be776-d2dd-4cdd-945d-b1342cf4e8c5>

WOLF: Residents challenge DEP, Project Gravity developer on data center's environmental impact

<https://fox56.com/news/local/residents-challenge-dep-project-gravity-developer-on-data-centers-environmental-impact>

WBRE: DEP, developer answer questions on 'Project Gravity'

<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/dep-developer-answer-questions-on-project-gravity/>

Scranton Times: Latest from live blog: Info session on Project Gravity, Archbald data center campus

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/01/05/live-updates-info-session-on-project-gravity-archbald-data-center-campus/>

Canary Media: Is the US headed toward an electricity crisis of its own making?

<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/clean-energy/is-us-headed-toward-electricity-crisis>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Data center boom to bring money to local townships; electric vehicle charging stations lag

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/010226/page/6/story/roses-and-thorns>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Public getting pushed into AI (LTE)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/010226/page/6/story/public-getting-pushed-into-ai>

Sunbury Daily Item: Montour County committee making progress on data center ordinance

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/montour-county-committee-making-progress-on-data-center-ordinance/article_9b14caa8-a1fd-4698-893e-b1352d8ea383.html

Shamokin News-Item: Big Tech's fast-expanding plans for data centers are running into stiff community opposition

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Shamokin News-Item: Why zoning matters in Anthony Township (LTE)

https://www.newsitem.com/arts_living/letter-to-the-editor-why-zoning-matters-in-anthony-township/article_e0190247-d10c-41d4-9598-fef986675b45.html

Energy

Altoona Mirror: Partisan differences leave Pa. energy advocates skeptical

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/01/pa-energy-partisan-differences-leave-advocates-skeptical/>

WITF: As Pa. energy prices rise, advocates skeptical that lawmakers will put aside partisan differences

<https://www.witf.org/2026/01/07/as-pa-energy-prices-rise-advocates-skeptical-that-lawmakers-will-put-aside-partisan-differences/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Leaders give solar project green light

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/leaders-give-solar-project-green-light/article_73b1ecfe-14b4-4283-920e-4d73077f58a1.html

Meadville Tribune: GREAT GREEN DEBATE: For some farmers, solar, wind projects offer financial stability

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/great-green-debate-for-some-farmers-solar-wind-projects-offer-financial-stability/article_a61b720e-8d48-5bea-9966-4195d807f3ca.html

Sharon Herald: Coolspring Twp. looks at limiting solar farms only to industrial sites

https://www.sharonherald.com/news/coolingspring-twp-looks-at-limiting-solar-farms-only-to-industrial-sites/article_03849f4c-3a5b-44d9-a758-73674ffc2096.html

TribLive: Rising utility costs cause record demand for assistance

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/dollar-energy-fund-sees-sharp-increase-in-need-for-energy-assistance/>

TribLive: Here's how to shop for lower utility costs

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/pa-consumers-have-options-to-save-on-utility-bills-this-winter/>

Public Source: As Pa. energy prices rise, advocates skeptical that lawmakers will put aside partisan differences

<https://www.publicsource.org/pennsylvania-datacenters-electricity-energy-prices-renewables/>

KDKA: More needs to be done to prepare for storm damage in Pittsburgh region, new report says

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-storm-damage-report-public-utility-commission/>

Oil and Gas

Sunbury Daily Item: Prices at the pump continue to drop, 3 cents cheaper this week

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/prices-at-the-pump-continue-to-drop-3-cents-cheaper-this-week/article_a46fd100-4bda-412d-af34-c3fc1d903ea0.html

WHYY: Lawsuit claims Bristol Township explosion could've been prevented; nursing home, PECO failed to protect people

<https://whyy.org/articles/bristol-explosion-nursing-home-lawsuit-peco/>

Radiation Protection

WFMZ: Major upgrades approved for Limerick nuclear power plant

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/southeastern-pa/major-upgrades-approved-for-limerick-nuclear-power-plant/article_b37166aa-4409-46ec-b6f0-2d3c170baacc.html

Water

Sunbury Daily Item: Sunbury officials meet with municipal authority on fluoride issue

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Sunbury Daily Item: SU offered payment plan for unpaid water bill

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/su-offered-payment-plan-for-unpaid-water-bill/article_e1e5ab31-1ae6-4c7d-b351-e5bae5326d89.html

NBC10: Water returns to residents after large sinkhole forms due to water main break

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/video/news/local/water-returns-to-residents-after-large-sinkhole-forms-due-to-water-main-break/4328788/>

CBS3: Dead whale found caught on ship in Camden County, New Jersey marine terminal

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/dead-whale-camden-county-new-jersey-gloucester-marine/>

Philly 17: Dead whale found on bow of a ship in New Jersey; NOAA launches investigation

<https://phl17.com/nmw/dead-whale-found-on-bow-of-a-ship-in-new-jersey-noaa-launches-investigation/>

WHYY: A dead whale found on the bow of a ship in South Jersey sparks an investigation

<https://whyy.org/articles/dead-whale-south-jersey-delaware-river/>

Miscellaneous

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Riverfront "Retreat" for sale; former SCI Retreat prison advertised

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/123125/page/3/story/riverfront-retreat-for-sale>

Fox29: Hunter shot with arrow in Wyncote survives; investigation ongoing

<https://www.fox29.com/news/hunter-shot-arrow-wyncote-survives-investigation-ongoing>