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Top DEP Stories

TribLive: 'Long overdue': Tenaska power plant faces hearing on emissions, monitoring
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/long-overdue-tenaska-power-plant-faces-hearing-on-emissions-monitoring/>

Mentions

WJAC: \$27M project aims to improve North Fork Dam in Somerset Co.; protect against future storms
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/27m-project-aims-to-improve-north-fork-dam-in-somerset-co-protect-against-future-storms>

Environmental Digest Blog: DEP Issued Lazy Oil Company Violations For Abandoning 12 More Conventional Oil & Gas Wells In Butler, Venango Counties
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/01/dep-issues-lazy-oil-company-new.html>

Patch.com: Blasting Scheduled Today At Warrington Township Quarry
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/doylestown/blasting-scheduled-today-warrington-township-quarry>

Air

WTAE: Avonworth School District works with Women for a Healthy Environment to mitigate radon levels
<https://www.wtae.com/article/avonworth-school-district-local-organization-mitigate-radon-levels/69938916>

Tribune-Democrat: Cambria County Prison's new air filtration system helps beat bacteria, report says
https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/cambria-county-prisons-new-air-filtration-system-helps-beat-bacteria-report-says/article_e5ffdb80-0649-456a-b7b2-a3e4a00a57cf.html

Climate Change

Pennlive: Pennsylvania's forgotten constitutional right demands climate action now
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2026/01/pennsylvanias-forgotten-constitutional-right-demands-climate-action-now-opinion.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pa. researchers will be first in the country to create a firefly inventory

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2026/01/08/fireflies-lightning-bugs-pa-inventory/stories/202512230091>

Data Centers

Scranton Times: Project Gravity data center in Archbald to pump water from Lake Scranton

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/01/07/project-gravity-data-center-in-archbald-to-pump-water-from-lake-scranton/>

Energy

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

https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/as-pa-energy-prices-rise-advocates-skeptical-that-lawmakers-will-put-aside-partisan-differences/article_804d3b10-25b4-4fed-a0b3-422d51ba6cf2.html

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

Mining

Times Leader: Jenkins Twp. residents rally against rezoning request at standing-room-only hearing

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1729303/jenkins-twp-residents-rally-against-rezoning-request-at-standing-room-only-hearing>

Oil and Gas

Indiana Gazette: Natural gas compressor station destroyed in a series of five explosions

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/police_emergency_and_courts/natural-gas-compressor-station-destroyed-in-a-series-of-five-explosions/article_29aaa049-f372-4527-bca1-c30f63740ef3.html

Waste

York Daily Record: Modern Landfill, expected to close in 2025, extends its life

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/01/08/life-of-modern-landfill-extended-beyond-expected-2025-closing/88070087007/>

LehighValleyNews: Palmer Township landscaper launches composting pilot program

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/palmer-township-landscaper-launches-composting-pilot-program>

Water

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: What's in Allegheny County's wastewater? Testing tracks fentanyl, xylazine and more flowing through Western Pa.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2026/01/08/allegheny-county-opioid-drug-wastewater-testing-biobot/stories/202601070083>

Pennlive: Unseasonably warm January thaw brings rain, potential river concerns to central Pa.

<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2026/01/unseasonably-warm-january-thaw-brings-rain-potential-river-concerns-to-central-pa.html>

Lancaster Online: Lancaster stormwater restrictions may pose barrier to creation of accessory dwelling units

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-stormwater-restrictions-may-pose-barrier-to-creation-of-accessory-dwelling-units-lancaster-watchdog/article_3d934b1f-b9c5-40fa-97b3-6309ddb36d3e.html

Huntingdon Daily News: Lake water levels dropping

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/lake-water-levels-dropping/article_46848a4f-7590-485f-aaaa-47e8c8078e2f.html

WFMZ: Beltzville Lake management plan gets first update in nearly 55 years

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/poconos-coal/carbon-county/beltzville-lake-management-plan-gets-first-update-in-nearly-55-years/article_f746c311-70ac-484f-b351-e1fdb3306fdb.html

WBRE: Freeland water boil advisory lifted

<https://www.2822news.com/news/freeland-water-boil-advisory-lifted-2/>

Miscellaneous

WTAE: Natural gas compressor station damaged after explosion in Indiana County

<https://www.wtae.com/article/chief-natural-gas-tanks-building-explosion-indiana-county/69938692>

KDKA: This week's weather conditions in the Pittsburgh area can make landslides more common

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-area-weather-conditions-landslides-peenodt-traffic/>

Daily American: Somerset County improvement projects to receive more than \$2.1 million

<https://www.dAILYAMERICAN.COM/STORY/NEWS/LOCAL/2026/01/07/SOMERSET-COUNTY-PA-ORGANIZATIONS-RECEIVE-FUNDS-FOR-IMPROVEMENT-PROJECTS/88048554007/>

Republican Herald: Here's what you need to know if you're going to the 2026 PA Farm Show

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/01/07/heres-what-you-need-to-know-if-youre-going-to-the-2026-pa-farm-show/>

Standard Speaker: Schuylkill County to host America250PA kickoff event on Jan. 18

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/01/07/schuylkill-county-to-host-america250pa-kickoff-event-on-jan-18/>

WHYY: Philadelphians will see 15% discount on flood insurance starting in April
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-fema-flood-insurance-discount/>