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Top DEP Stories

FOX 29: Pa. environment officials discuss how the state is creating a healthier atmosphere

<https://www.fox29.com/video/1490422>

Bucks County Beacon: Legal Troubles Double for Stoltzfus and Kingdom Provisions Slaughterhouse in Pipersville

<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2024/07/legal-troubles-double-for-stoltzfus-and-kingdom-provisions-slaughterhouse-in-pipersville/>

The Tribune Democrat: DEP investigating source of stench in Johnstown region

https://www.tribdem.com/news/dep-investigating-source-of-stench-in-johnstown-region/article_9d05cbc8-4ad8-11ef-be83-9725d8f8f84d.html

Mentions

Scranton Times: Alliance Landfill request to begin accepting long-banned chemicals, draws criticism from Friends of Lackawanna

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-approves-alliance-landfill-request-to-begin-accepting-long-banned-chemical-draws-criticism-from-friends/article_02de4a0b-6086-5aea-befa-21f234b408b0.html

The Tribune Review: Keystone Lake closed for swimming because of algae levels

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/keystone-lake-closed-for-swimming-because-of-algae-levels/>

WJAC: 'What's that smell?' Unpleasant odor in Johnstown area believed to be from pig farm

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/strange-smell-in-and-around-the-johnstown-area#>

Air

Lancaster Online: Crematorium plans face more questions at Ephrata Borough zoning hearing

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/crematorium-plans-face-more-questions-at-ephrata-borough-zoning-hearing/article_088aee6e-49e9-11ef-a8ff-9bd25bd683eb.html

CBS21: 'What's that smell?' Unpleasant odor in Johnstown area believed to be from pig farm

<https://local21news.com/news/local/strange-smell-in-and-around-the-johnstown-area#>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Wildfires in Canada again bring smoke into Northcentral PA

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/07/wildfires-in-canada-again-bring-smoke-into-northcentral-pennsylvania/>

Climate Change

Bedford Gazette: Our days are getting longer as the polar ice caps melt

https://www.bedfordgazette.com/editorial/our-days-are-getting-longer-as-the-polar-ice-caps-melt/article_34b0ca7a-4a13-11ef-8244-4b84aa506ffc.html

The Tribune Review: Rev. Erik Hoeke: Climate action is a moral imperative

<https://triblive.com/opinion/rev-erik-hoeke-climate-action-is-a-moral-imperative/>

Conservation and Recreation

Gettysburg Times: 2 smaller farms to be preserved

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_2661c35e-4abb-11ef-8f64-c700af97f1eb.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Where to find accessible recreation in PA

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/where-to-find-accessible-recreation-in-pennsylvania/article_42c12238-4670-11ee-8812-cb043c9dd41b.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Roambler platform offers guide to the PA outdoors

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/roambler-platform-offers-guide-to-the-pennsylvania-outdoors/article_66f69ca6-4853-11ef-9bee-27a1014d925d.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Watershed festival is this weekend

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/072524/page/3/story/watershed-festival-is-this-weekend>

Centre Daily Times: Another public meeting for State College Area Connector project is planned; environmental impact to be discussed

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article290425194.html#campaignName=statecollege_morning_newsletter

Energy

Delaware Valley Journal: PA Could Be Sitting on Lithium Goldmine. Will Kamala Harris Shut It Down?

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/pa-could-be-sitting-on-lithium-goldmine-will-kamala-harris-shut-it-down/>

My ChesCo: New Interactive Map Helps EV Drivers Find Charging Stations at Parks

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/lifestyle/new-interactive-map-helps-ev-drivers-find-charging-stations-at-parks/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Electric vehicles tick up in Carlisle but can charging stations meet demand?

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/electric-vehicles-tick-up-in-carlisle-but-can-charging-stations-meet-demand/article_b344ff60-4940-11ef-a7eb-6384bf608407.html

WITF/StateImpact: Pa. schools can soon apply for grants to offset cost of solar projects

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/07/25/pa-schools-can-soon-apply-for-grants-to-offset-cost-of-solar-projects/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Reading Eagle: Reading zoning changes would help promote transit-friendly growth downtown, consultants say

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/07/25/reading-zoning-changes-would-help-promote-transit-friendly-growth-downtown-consultants-say/>

Central Penn Business Journal: Gettysburg Foundry site to get new life with state grant and loan

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/field-crops/no-till-a-tool-to-reverse-soil-depletion/article_c0e62342-4ab7-11ef-8d5e-97e875627441.html

Mining

WESA: Demand for rare elements used in clean energy could help clean up abandoned coal mines in Appalachia

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-07-26/abandoned-coal-mine-clean-up-rare-earth-elements-green-energy>

Oil and Gas

WESA: Kamala Harris has she said wants to ban fracking. Pa. Republicans are ready to attack

<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2024-07-26/kamala-harris-ban-fracking-pennsylvania>

The Bradford Era: Local oil purchasers increase prices

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/local-oil-purchasers-increase-prices/article_34ebe9da-4aad-11ef-b35c-e33caa7e10aa.html

PFAS

The Philadelphia Tribune: Toxic 'forever chemicals' found in pesticides used on food, in homes and on pets, study finds

https://www.phillytrib.com/news/health/toxic-forever-chemicals-found-in-pesticides-used-on-food-in-homes-and-on-pets-study/article_97117dc6-6563-532b-8028-ba1a114eadcf.html

Vector Management

Glenside Local: Section of Ardsley to receive mosquito spraying on July 29, nearby residents encouraged to remain indoors

https://glensidelocal.com/section-of-ardsley-to-receive-mosquito-spraying-on-july-29-nearby-residents-encouraged-to-remain-indoors/#google_vignette

WPXI: More mosquito samples from several Pittsburgh neighborhoods test positive for West Nile Virus
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/more-mosquito-samples-several-pittsburgh-neighborhoods-test-positive-west-nile-virus/JPM335UHIVFW7MC5K2CGXLRKJY/>

Waste

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Hoffman Park gets anti-litter equipment
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/072324/page/1/story/hoffman-park-gets-anti-litter-equipment>

Water

My ChesCo: Aqua Pennsylvania Breaks Ground on \$14.3M Crum Creek Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/regional/aqua-pennsylvania-breaks-ground-on-14-3m-crum-creek-water-treatment-plant-upgrade/>

Erie Times News: Erie Water Works on track to replace all lead-pipe connections for 220,000 customers
<https://www.goerie.com/videos/news/local/2024/07/25/lead-pipe-removal-erie-pa-water-works-epa-bruno-pigott/74541464007/>

Lock Haven Express: Commissioners eliminate positions, improve pay increases, including Conservation District staff
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/07/commissioners-eliminate-positions-approve-pay-increases/>

Miscellaneous

The Philadelphia Citizen: The slow unraveling of Philly's slow fashion scene
<https://thephiladelphiacitizen.org/the-slow-unraveling-of-phillys-slow-fashion-scene/>

Lancaster Farming: No-Till a Tool to Reverse Soil Depletion
https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/field-crops/no-till-a-tool-to-reverse-soil-depletion/article_c0e62342-4ab7-11ef-8d5e-97e875627441.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Merck facility ceasing work this year
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/072524/page/1/story/merck-ceasing-work-this-year>