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## Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: DEP proposes new PFAS monitoring for biosolids

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/07/02/dep-proposes-new-pfas-monitoring-biosolids/>

## Mentions

WVIA: State will open southern half of the Catawissa Recreation Area in Schuylkill County

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2026-07-04/rocky-steep-tight-and-fun-state-will-open-southern-half-of-the-catawissa-recreation-area-in-schuylkill-county>

WOLF: PA launches statewide effort to reconnect wildlife habitat, reduce animal crashes

<https://fox56.com/news/local/pa-launches-statewide-effort-to-reconnect-wildlife-habitat-reduce-animal-crashes>

PennLive: Spring brings tragedy for Harrisburg's much-loved falcon fledglings

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/07/spring-brings-tragedy-for-harrisburgs-much-loved-falcon-fledglings.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Community celebrates opening of Lumber Yards baseball and softball complex in Williamsport

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/07/community-celebrates-opening-of-lumber-yards-baseball-and-softball-complex-in-williamsport/>

PA Environment Digest: Environmental Quality Board Meets July 14 To Consider Final PFAS Land Recycling Program Regulation Changes, Hear Fee Reports On Water Quality Permits, Erosion & Sedimentation Permits

<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=65775&SubjectID=>

PA Environment Digest: DEP: Seneca Resources Failed To Notify DEP Of Casing/Cementing Failures In 6 Shale Gas Wells For 15 Years In Delmar Twp., Tioga County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/07/dep-seneca-resources-failed-to-notify.html>

PA Environment Digest: DEP/Agriculture Invite Comments On Updated Safeguards To Prevent PFAS 'Forever Chemicals' In Wastewater Biosolids From Polluting Groundwater

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/07/depagriculture-invite-comments-on.html>

## Climate Change

WNEP: Scorching temperatures impacting Wilkes-Barre residents

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/scorching-temperatures-impacting-wilkes-barre-residents-luzerne-county-bnai-brith-seniors-weather-temperatures/523-98e693d9-e752-4875-8aa4-de8c75bf5406>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Republican Herald: Crowds brave heat to dedicate Tamaqua's Liberty Tree Park

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/07/04/crowds-brave-heat-to-dedicate-tamaquas-liberty-tree-park/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Endless Mountains group welcomes paddlers to Sojourn on the Susquehanna

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/endless-mountains-group-welcomes-paddlers-to-sojourn-on-the-susquehanna/article\\_accd8548-fec8-4201-86c0-83427924c3e5.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/endless-mountains-group-welcomes-paddlers-to-sojourn-on-the-susquehanna/article_accd8548-fec8-4201-86c0-83427924c3e5.html)

## **Data Centers**

Pottstown Mercury: Bill requiring data center info for emergency responders advances

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2026/07/04/bill-requiring-data-center-info-for-emergency-responders-advances/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Muncy Township Planning Commission seeks data center lawyer

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/07/muncy-township-planning-commission-seeks-data-center-lawyer/>

Lock Haven Express: Commissioners OK update to ordinance regarding data centers

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2026/07/commissioners-ok-update-to-ordinance-regarding-data-centers/>

Lock Haven Express: PA legislature wrestles with how to handle data center developments

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2026/07/pa-legislature-wrestles-with-how-to-handle-data-center-developments/>

Lock Haven Express: Data center fights pit social values, democracy, and capitalism against each other (Opinion)

<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/columns/2026/07/data-center-fights-pit-social-values-democracy-and-capitalism-against-each-other/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Life in a data center town

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/05/16/life-data-center-town>

PA Environment Digest: PUC Invites Comments On Potential Regulations For Interconnecting Electric Loads, Including Large Loads, Like Data Centers

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/07/puc-invites-comments-on-potential.html>

## **Energy**

Lehighvalleylive: Pa. power outages linger after deadly holiday storms

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/weather/2026/07/pa-power-outages-linger-after-deadly-holiday-storms.html>

WNEP: Week begins with thousands without power after weekend storms

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/week-begins-with-thousands-without-power-after-weekend-storms/523-526b6f0e-bd34-4812-a591-38107e078238>

WOLF: Power outage maps in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania

<https://fox56.com/news/local/power-outage-maps-in-northeastern-and-central-pennsylvania-storm-damage-rain-wind-weather>

WBRE: Storm cleanup continues after Fourth of July weekend storms

<https://www.2822news.com/top-news/storm-cleanup-continues-after-fourth-of-july-weekend-storms/>

Morning Call: Days after severe storms, 2,000 are still without power in the Lehigh Valley. Why some may not be restored until Wednesday

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/07/06/lehigh-valley-power-outages-update-ppl/>

WFMZ: Storm leaves path of destruction across Allentown's West End; thousands remain without power

[https://www.wfmz.com/weather/storm-leaves-path-of-destruction-across-allentowns-west-end-thousands-remain-without-power/article\\_78a59905-564d-41ae-8081-ff55505fade4.html](https://www.wfmz.com/weather/storm-leaves-path-of-destruction-across-allentowns-west-end-thousands-remain-without-power/article_78a59905-564d-41ae-8081-ff55505fade4.html)

Times-Tribune: PPL: Thousands remain without power throughout NEPA

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/07/05/ppl-thousands-remain-without-power-throughout-nepa/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Solar is saving Central more than projected; additional panels planned

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/03/1/solar-saving-central-more>

## **Mining**

Lock Haven Express: Bill introduced to increase black lung benefit stipends for coal miners in PA and beyond

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2026/07/bill-introduced-to-increase-black-lung-benefit-stipends-for-coal-miners-in-pa-beyond/>

## **PFAS**

PA Environment Digest: EPA Seeks Comment On Draft Guidance For Reducing Risks From PFOA/PFOS In Wastewater Biosolids [When Released]

<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=65777&SubjectID=>

## **Waste**

DELCO Times: Delaware County gets millions for compost and hazardous waste centers  
<https://www.delcotimes.com/2026/07/04/delaware-county-gets-millions-for-compost-and-hazardous-waste-centers/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Common grounds: Coffee shop joins with composter to reduce waste in Elysburg area  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/06/1/common-grounds>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Cops called to Bloom park; Hoffman Natural Area attracts visitors, trash, parking woes  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/06/1/cops-called-bloom-park>

## **Water**

WBRE: Flash flooding, severe weather impacts Wilkes-Barre  
<https://www.2822news.com/video/top-video/video-flash-flooding-severe-weather-impacts-wilkes-barre/>

## **Miscellaneous**

WOLF: PPL offering reimbursement for ice and water  
<https://fox56.com/news/local/ppl-offering-reimbursement-for-ice-and-water?teaserSource=trending>

KYW: Severe storms leave thousands without power as PECO workers remain on strike  
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/storms-power-outages-peco-strike>

WHYY: Pa. residents revive colonial-era practice by growing a 'square yard' of flax  
<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-square-yard-flax-colonial-era/>