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Top DEP Stories

Butler Eagle: Air quality unhealthy for sensitive groups Tuesday

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260714/air-quality-unhealthy-for-sensitive-groups-tuesday/>

Mentions

Philly Burbs: PECO, Amazon and others to answer questions about Falls data center

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/business/energy-resource/2026/07/13/bucks-county-falls-township-ai-data-center-amazon-keystone-us-steel-moratorium-shapiro-peco-july-14/90900055007/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: PPL resolves minor erosion issue

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/10/3/ppl-resolves-minor-erosion-issue>

Air

WESA: Code Red, Code Orange: Hot temperatures and bad air quality in Pittsburgh this week

<https://www.wesanews.org/environment-energy/2026-07-14/hot-temperatures-air-quality>

WPXI: Air Quality Alert issued, high temperatures push into the 90s

<https://www.wpxi.com/weather/air-quality-alert-issued-high-temperatures-push-into-90s/SX3COVOP75BWZGEV3SQIA5XB54/>

WTAE: Code Orange Air Quality, 'Code Red' heat advisory issued for parts of Southwestern Pa.

<https://www.wtae.com/article/code-orange-air-quality-code-red-heat-advisory-issued-for-parts-of-southwestern-pa/71921840>

KDKA: Code Orange Air Quality Alert issued for Pittsburgh area tomorrow

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/code-orange-air-quality-alert-issued-july-14-2026/>

Climate Change

Public Source: AI is improving Pittsburgh's tornado forecasting — but its full potential isn't clear

<https://www.publicsource.org/ai-tornado-weather-forecasting-changes/>

Morning Call: Lehigh Valley will once again be under a heat advisory. Here's how hot it will get

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/07/14/lehigh-valley-will-once-again-be-under-a-heat-advisory-heres-how-hot-it-will-get/>

Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: Westmoreland Land Trust buys 23 acres along Heritage Trail; protects habitat
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/westmoreland-heritage-trail-land-acquisition-expands-protected-habitat/>

Gettysburg Times: 47-acre property preserved in Mt. Joy
https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/basket/47-acre-property-preserved-in-mt-joy/article_04353427-deac-4caa-8f43-24262b6645cf.html

Data Centers

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania budget saves data center tax break amid growing opposition to AI boom
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/07/13/pennsylvania-data-center-tax-exemption.html>

Allegheny Front: GOP's Garrity faults Shapiro's stance on data centers, stresses local control
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-gop-gubernatorial-candidate-stacy-garrity-data-centers/>

Butler Eagle: Adams Twp. takes the next step toward data center amendment
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260714/adams-twp-takes-the-next-step-toward-data-center-amendment/>

Butler Eagle: Lancaster Twp. takes steps to regulate data centers
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260714/lancaster-twp-takes-steps-to-regulate-data-centers/>

Meadville Tribune: State senator profited from \$30M property sale for a massive data center development
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/state-senator-profited-from-30m-property-sale-for-a-massive-data-center-development/article_2409d31b-17fd-425a-8c62-0f9bd7ec980c.html

Lancaster Online: Residents of rural Drumore Township register concerns against data centers ahead of draft ordinance
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/residents-of-rural-drumore-township-register-concerns-against-data-centers-ahead-of-draft-ordinance/article_c1577c25-55f5-4376-8423-069bfe2b8b72.html

Lewistown Sentinel: Granville receives data center proposal
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/07/granville-receives-data-center-proposal-residents-urge-supervisors-to-oppose-project/>

Morning Call: Allentown Planning Commission to review plans for a data center this week. Here's what to know
<https://www.mcall.com/2026/07/14/allentown-planning-commission-to-review-plans-for-a-data-center-this-week-heres-what-to-know/>

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Times-Tribune: Developer sues Jessup over Breaker Street, Sunnyside Road data centers
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/07/13/developer-sues-jessup-over-breaker-street-sunnyside-road-data-centers/>

WOLF: Sound consultant warns Wildcat Ridge Data Center could significantly increase noise
<https://fox56.com/news/local/sound-consultant-warns-wildcat-ridge-data-center-could-significantly-increase-noise>

Morning Call: Pa. state senator profited from \$30 million property sale for massive data center development
<https://www.mcall.com/2026/07/13/state-senator-profited-from-30m-property-sale-for-a-massive-data-center-development/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Farm owners say data center queries go quiet
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/14/1/farm-owners-say-data-center-queries-go-quiet>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Planners approve data center application
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/09/1/planners-approve-data-center-application>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/11/3/culver-host-virtual-data-center-meeting>

Energy

WESA: Pennsylvania lawmakers consider balcony solar to offset electricity bills
<https://www.wesanews.org/environment-energy/2026-07-14/pennsylvania-solar-balcony-electricity>

KDKA: PJM Interconnection to release capacity auction results soon. How much will electricity rates go up?
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pjm-interconnection-capacity-auction-electric-rates/>

WFMZ: Fresh off record-setting demand, electric grid operator prepares for another challenging week
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/pennsylvania/fresh-off-record-setting-demand-electric-grid-operator-prepares-for-another-challenging-week/article_d0e758c7-a2b0-4cde-a280-a002ccfcf77f.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: More power coming to region; firms plan to build solar fields, gas plants
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/12/1/more-power-coming-region>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Experts: Solar to expand
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/07/12/1/experts-solar-expand>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Pennlive: Construction to begin soon on shop across from central Pa. Giant

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2026/07/construction-to-begin-soon-on-shop-across-from-central-pa-giant.html>

The Reporter Online: Company plans extraction to address jet fuel spill in Upper Makefield

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Mining

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Bradford Era: Seneca Resources, Evolution Well Services announce strategic partnership

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PFAS

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Vector Management

WOLF: Summer tick season continues as experts share safety tips

<https://fox56.com/news/local/summer-tick-season-continues-as-experts-share-safety-tips>

Waste

Pennlive: After years of complaints about brutal odors, Pa. sets course to regulate food waste as fertilizer

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/07/after-years-of-complaints-about-brutal-odors-pa-sets-course-to-regulate-food-waste-as-fertilizer.html>

WITF: Farmers' use of food processing waste will be regulated under new Pa. law.

<https://www.witf.org/2026/07/14/farmers-use-of-food-processing-waste-will-be-regulated-under-new-pa-law/>

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WPXI: Water main break leaves Shaler Township road flooded

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/water-main-break-leaves-shaler-township-road-flooded/KLYAPG3D2BF45B3FYYZMMGQNFQ/>

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/07/13/personalities-matt-galluzzo-riverlife.html>

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Times Leader: Bluecup 'almost at the end,' must resolve issues before conditional approval

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1748936/bluecup-almost-at-the-end-must-resolve-issues-before-conditional-approval>

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