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## Top DEP Stories

New Castle News: Officials tout solar as viable use for strip-mined land

[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/officials-tout-solar-as-viable-use-for-strip-mined-land/article\\_17a0668a-1ed4-11ef-9444-53b6018111dd.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/officials-tout-solar-as-viable-use-for-strip-mined-land/article_17a0668a-1ed4-11ef-9444-53b6018111dd.html)

Daily American: Somerset County environmental education projects receive funding

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2024/06/06/icc-watershed-group-receive-dep-funding-for-educational-camps-somerset-county/73895554007/>

Shamokin News-Item: DEP to revise plan for dousing Conyngham coal bank fire following new input from residents

[https://www.newsitem.com/news/dep-to-revise-plan-for-dousing-conyngham-coal-bank-fire-following-new-input-from-residents/article\\_ff6dbcea-2462-11ef-9785-e722f7f99615.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/dep-to-revise-plan-for-dousing-conyngham-coal-bank-fire-following-new-input-from-residents/article_ff6dbcea-2462-11ef-9785-e722f7f99615.html)

WNEP: Meeting held in Columbia County to address underground mine fire burning since 2022

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/columbia-county/meeting-held-in-columbia-county-to-address-underground-mine-fire-burning-since-2022/523-45c971da-2577-4b72-b6e2-e1b8e990e26d>

## Mentions

Meadville Tribune: Cochran to start water inspections Monday

[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cochran-to-start-water-inspections-monday/article\\_06219fdc-2429-11ef-b182-2b58ab19f68b.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cochran-to-start-water-inspections-monday/article_06219fdc-2429-11ef-b182-2b58ab19f68b.html)

Delco Times: Moderate air quality alert in effect for southeastern PA

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2024/06/05/moderate-air-quality-alert-in-effect-for-southeastern-pa/>

North Penn Now: Annual drinking quality report shows tap water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards, says NPWA

<https://northpennnow.com/news/2024/jun/07/npwa-annual-drinking-quality-report-shows-tap-water-meets-or-exceeds-all-state-and-federal-drinking-water-standards/>

The Mercury: Union Township planners review proposal to expand quarry

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/06/07/union-township-planners-review-proposal-to-expand-quarry/>

The Center Square: Pennsylvania has third year of \$244 million for reclaiming mine lands

[https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article\\_a7d391ea-243e-11ef-bcd6-dbb674cdf2d3.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article_a7d391ea-243e-11ef-bcd6-dbb674cdf2d3.html)

Observer-Reporter: Fire marshal unable to determine cause of processing plant blaze in Greene County

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2024/jun/07/fire-marshal-unable-to-determine-cause-of-processing-plant-blaze-in-greene-county/>

### **East Palestine Train Derailment**

Record-Argus: IRS decides people who got money from Norfolk Southern after Ohio derailment won't be taxed on it

[https://www.recordargusnews.com/ap/business/irs-decides-people-who-got-money-from-norfolk-southern-after-ohio-derailment-wont-be-taxed/article\\_47306056-1d1c-5485-91f7-0b3a1c9421b1.html](https://www.recordargusnews.com/ap/business/irs-decides-people-who-got-money-from-norfolk-southern-after-ohio-derailment-wont-be-taxed/article_47306056-1d1c-5485-91f7-0b3a1c9421b1.html)

Beaver County Radio: At Casey, Fetterman, Deluzio's Urging, IRS Exempts Victims from the Norfolk Southern Derailment From Being Taxed on Reimbursements

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/at-casey-fetterman-deluzios-urging-irs-exempts-victims-from-the-norfolk-southern-derailment-from-being-taxed-on-reimbursements/>

WITF: IRS decides people who got money from Norfolk Southern after Ohio derailment won't be taxed on it

<https://www.witf.org/2024/06/06/irs-decides-people-who-got-money-from-norfolk-southern-after-ohio-derailment-wont-be-taxed-on-it/>

### **Air**

Tribune-Review: U.S. Steel closes portion of Clairton Coke Works as part of settlement

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/u-s-steel-closes-portion-of-clairton-coke-works-as-part-of-settlement/>

KDKA: What does the closure of battery 15 mean for the Mon Valley?

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/battery-15-clairton-coke-works/>

Allegheny Front: EPA COKE OVEN RULE TO BRING NEW MONITORING REQUIREMENTS TO U.S. STEEL'S CLAIRTON PLANT

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/epa-coke-oven-rule-benzene-u-s-steel-clairton/>

### **Conservation and Recreation**

Bradford Era: June events set for Kinzua Bridge State Park

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/june-events-set-for-kinzua-bridge-state-park/article\\_123d74b2-244c-11ef-a44f-9b37d25b8dd4.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/june-events-set-for-kinzua-bridge-state-park/article_123d74b2-244c-11ef-a44f-9b37d25b8dd4.html)

Butler Eagle: Moraine, McConnells Mill release updated schedule of programs for June

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240606/moraine-mcconnells-mill-release-updated-schedule-of-programs-for-june/>

Clarion News: Discovery walk scheduled for June 11

[https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/discovery-walk-scheduled-for-june-11/article\\_60e0ba46-240d-11ef-ab4b-9ffc98fff49a.html](https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/discovery-walk-scheduled-for-june-11/article_60e0ba46-240d-11ef-ab4b-9ffc98fff49a.html)

Corry Journal: The Regional Science Consortium and partners receive the 2024 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

[https://www.thecorryjournal.com/hometown/article\\_06e86f90-240b-11ef-8273-1b99907f0324.html](https://www.thecorryjournal.com/hometown/article_06e86f90-240b-11ef-8273-1b99907f0324.html)

Record-Argus: Tuttle campground dedicated for the second time in 50 years

[https://www.recordargusnews.com/community/tuttle-campground-dedicated-for-the-second-time-in-50-years/article\\_c2770218-2428-11ef-b467-2fd49b64dc50.html](https://www.recordargusnews.com/community/tuttle-campground-dedicated-for-the-second-time-in-50-years/article_c2770218-2428-11ef-b467-2fd49b64dc50.html)

CBS Philly 57: Parents outraged over plans to dismantle ecology center at Scenic Hills Elementary School in Springfield

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/scenic-hills-elementary-school-ecocenter-springfield-school-district-delaware-county/>

Delco Today: Decision to Close Scenic Hills Ecology Center in Springfield Protested

<https://delco.today/2024/06/ecology-center-scenic-hills-school/>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Summer programs for all ages begin at Pittsburgh city parks

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/06/07/summer-programs-for-all-ages-begin-at-pittsburgh-city-parks/>

Daily Courier: Advice to manage spotted lanternfly

[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/advice-to-manage-spotted-lanternfly/article\\_c10bfd92-241a-11ef-a269-c30684a2dd8a.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/advice-to-manage-spotted-lanternfly/article_c10bfd92-241a-11ef-a269-c30684a2dd8a.html)

WFMZ: Conservation groups benefit from funds raised by Cabela's customers

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/conservation-groups-benefit-from-funds-raised-by-cabelas-customers/article\\_1bbaeeb6-2429-11ef-86a7-1b673a3ce6d7.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/conservation-groups-benefit-from-funds-raised-by-cabelas-customers/article_1bbaeeb6-2429-11ef-86a7-1b673a3ce6d7.html)

## **Energy**

WHYY: Montco officials say an unused dam along the Schuylkill in Norristown could provide green energy for the county

<https://whyy.org/articles/dam-schuylkill-river-norristown-green-energy/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Report: PJM needs more electricity to meet 2040 estimates in 13 states

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/06/report-pjm-needs-more-electricity-to-meet-2040-estimates-in-13-states/>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Renovo Record: On blight, PA officials lack capacity, property owners lack clarity

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/111897>

## High Path Avian Influenza

Lancaster Farming: What Protective Gear Should Dairy Workers Be Using to Avoid Spreading Avian Influenza?

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## Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT, Equitrans to hold shareholder vote on acquisition in July

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/06/06/eqt-equitrans-midstream-acquisition-shareholders.html>

## Radiation Protection

WPXI: Emergency preparedness exercise to be held at Beaver nuclear facility

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/emergency-preparedness-exercise-be-held-beaver-nuclear-facility/12ZABHEEIJEPZBUEMIAB7ILBUQ/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Dept. of Health to distribute free nuclear emergency meds around power plants

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/health/dept-of-health-to-distribute-free-nuclear-emergency-meds-around-power-plants/article\\_2b625354-1ede-11ef-98f3-1b0020f2017f.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/health/dept-of-health-to-distribute-free-nuclear-emergency-meds-around-power-plants/article_2b625354-1ede-11ef-98f3-1b0020f2017f.html)

## Water

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority plans \$60M in replacement work this summer

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/06/06/pwsa-water-sewer-line-replacement.html>

WESA: Lead levels in Pittsburgh's tap water fall to a 20-year low

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-06-07/pittsburgh-tap-water-lead-levels-fall>

WJAC: Behind-the-scenes tour, events headline 50th anniversary celebration of Raystown Lake

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/behind-the-scenes-tour-events-headline-50th-anniversary-celebration-of-raystown-lake#>

Latrobe Bulletin: LTMA moves forward with phase two of the Deeds Road waterline project

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ltma-moves-forward-with-phase-two-of-the-deeds-road-waterline-project/article\\_af9abd1c-2444-11ef-9132-938a9f9ca423.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ltma-moves-forward-with-phase-two-of-the-deeds-road-waterline-project/article_af9abd1c-2444-11ef-9132-938a9f9ca423.html)

FOX 43: Lancaster Water Week kicks off in Penn Square tonight, celebrating local waterways and advocacy work to keep them clean

<https://www.fox43.com/article/tech/science/environment/lancaster-water-week-penn-square-waterways-advocacy-clean/521-b4cb0a3e-f685-4d30-a1b8-42656efc97e6>

Huntingdon Daily News: Lake links past with present

[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/lake-links-past-with-present/article\\_c19722c2-2376-11ef-840a-e3f91a2165ae.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/lake-links-past-with-present/article_c19722c2-2376-11ef-840a-e3f91a2165ae.html)

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[https://www.northcentralpa.com/education/susquehanna-university-begins-offering-watershed-studies-minor/article\\_c79350c4-1ef8-11ef-9d75-9301551edb36.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/education/susquehanna-university-begins-offering-watershed-studies-minor/article_c79350c4-1ef8-11ef-9d75-9301551edb36.html)

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Lycoming County Water and Sewer Authority monitoring summer months at Lairdsville plant

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/06/lycoming-county-water-and-sewer-authority-monitoring-summer-months-at-lairdsville-plant/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/060724/page/1/story/broken-pipe-causes-collapse>

## **Miscellaneous**

The Times Herald: Phase 2 of single-use plastics ban in Upper Merion goes into effect July 1

<https://www.timesherald.com/2024/06/05/phase-2-of-single-use-plastics-ban-in-upper-merion-goes-into-effect-july-1/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Junked bus catches fire on Route 15 on way to scrapyard

<https://www.sungazette.com/uncategorized/2024/06/bus-catches-fire-on-route-15/>