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Top DEP Stories

WJAC: Pa. DEP says Richland Twp. mine reclamation project nearing midpoint

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pa-dep-says-ingleside-northeast-mine-reclamation-project-nearing-midpoint>

Mentions

Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Beach project moves forward as township manager cites complaints, DEP scrutiny

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/ligonier-beach-project-moves-forward-as-township-manager-cites-complaints-dep-scrutiny/article_db606927-0a36-48a7-8071-b4683e26d6bf.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Riverside housing plan nixed; Merck says groundwater contaminated

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/06/03/1/riverside-housing-plan-nixed>

PA Environment Digest: House Committee To Consider Bills To Prohibit Road Dumping Oil & Gas Wastewater, Set Minimum Standards For Power Plant Community Benefit Agreements, Encourage Monarch Butterfly, Native Insect Habitats On June 8

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/06/house-committee-to-consider-bills-to.html>

Milton Standard-Journal: Eureka Resources charged for alleged DEP violations at Bradford County facility

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Climate Change

Allegheny Front: How rising temperatures impact kidney disease risk

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/climate-change-kidney-disease/>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Summer stings: Allergic reactions are the greatest health risks from bees and wasps

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2026/05/31/bee-wasp-stings-allergy/stories/202605250019>

WESA: Frog Fest promotes environmental education, as natural habitats and federal funding shrink
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-06-02/pa-frog-fest-environmental-education-habitat-loss-federal-funding-cuts>

WBRE 28/22: Scranton volunteers garden, clean to improve community spaces
<https://www.2822news.com/news/scranton-volunteers-garden-clean-to-improve-community-spaces/>
Lebanon Daily News: 90-year milestone: Why Coleman Memorial Park is counting every tree
<https://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2026/06/03/coleman-memorial-park-organizers-aims-for-level-ii-arboretum-status/90364251007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epi=z11xx01p001550c001550e004300v11xx01d--xx--b--xx--&gca-ft=125&gca-ds=sophi>

Lebtown: Coleman Memorial Park unveils push for arboretum accreditation
<https://lebtown.com/2026/06/03/coleman-memorial-park-unveils-push-for-arboretum-accreditation/>

Lebtown: LVRT to open Phase 10A this month, hold 30th anniversary celebration this week
<https://lebtown.com/2026/06/03/lvrt-to-open-phase-10a-this-month-hold-30th-anniversary-celebration-this-week/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: New platform along Pine Creek improves accessibility for fishing
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/06/new-platform-along-pine-creek-improves-accessibility-for-fishing/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Shapiro's invasive species council celebrates Native Species Day as admin invests in healthy forests, waterways, wildlife
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/06/shapiros-invasive-species-council-celebrates-native-species-day-as-admin-invests-in-healthy-forests-waterways-wildlife/>

Data Centers

WTAE: Community pushes back against proposed data center campus in Big Beaver Borough
<https://www.wtae.com/article/community-pushes-back-proposed-data-center-campus-big-beaver-borough/71477091>

WTAE: Westmoreland officials taking steps toward deterring data centers from being built
<https://www.wtae.com/article/westmoreland-county-officials-residents-2026-data-centers/71474441>

WPXI: Residents looking for answers at meeting about plans for possible data center in Beaver County
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Allegheny Front: Republican governor candidate Stacy Garrity calls for 'pause' on data center development
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/republican-governor-candidate-stacy-garrity-data-center-pause/>

Tube City: AI Skeptics: 'Big Data Centers Have Big Impacts'

<https://tubecityonline.com/2026/06/ai-skeptics-big-data-centers-have-big-impacts/>

WNEP: Valley View School District joins legal battle over proposed "Project Scott" data center project

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/valley-view-school-district-data-centers-archbald-project-scott-appeal/523-911ed291-b5d8-43d0-8e5c-580ebc05212a?tbref=hp>

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Reading Eagle: More cities are pressing pause on data centers as local backlash grows

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<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/06/amid-outcry-data-center-presentation-touts-jobs-tax-revenue/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Derry Township eyes public workshop on data center ordinance

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/06/derry-township-eyes-public-workshop-on-data-center-ordinance/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Residents demand answers on Grantville data centers

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/06/residents-demand-answers-on-granville-data-centers/>

FOX43: PAX-1 data center not required to follow Shapiro's new GRID standards

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/cumberland-county/pax-1-data-center-not-required-to-follow-shapiros-new-grid-standards/521-964f6a37-036a-4535-b786-73db35cdcb99>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Family plans to keep out data centers; Briar Creek supers OK overlay and restrictions on firms

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/06/03/1/family-plans-keep-out-data-centers>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Animal advocate: Data center buyouts leaving felines to die

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Energy

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/06/02/homer-city-generation-plant-milestone.html>

WESA: Pennsylvania lawmakers push federal bill to boost clean energy

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Bradford Era: Power grid demand summer outlook cautiously optimistic
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Towanda Daily Review: Yale student seeks insights in Bradford County as he follows natural gas through the economy
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PFAS

WESA: Scientists test aquatic organisms for 'forever chemicals' in Montour Run near Pittsburgh International Airport
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-06-01/pittsburgh-international-airport-pfas-montour-run-fish-aquatic-life>

Waste

Times Leader: Solid waste transfer station in Yatesville granted zoning approval
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1744280/solid-waste-transfer-station-in-yatesville-granted-zoning-approval>

Altoona Mirror: Household chemical collection event to be held in Cambria
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/06/cambria-household-chemical-collection-event-june6/>

Water

WPXI: Boil advisory lifted in Belle Vernon
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/boil-advisory-lifted-belle-vernon/K5CW44LVXVANFCR2DEIF4DI3Z4/>

ABC27: Sinkhole closes Cumberland County roadway
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CBS21: Burst sewage pipe causes road closures near Cumberland County high school
<https://local21news.com/news/local/sinkhole-closes-road-near-high-school-in-camp-hill>

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<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/easton/2026/06/gas-station-plans-move-ahead-despite-sinkhole-issues-in-palmer-township.html>

WFMZ: Explosive garage fire destroys building in northern Lehigh County

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<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/crime/2026/06/03/alleged-recordkeeping-violations-against-jk-owner-set-to-go-to-trial/90378172007/?tbref=hp>

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