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## Top DEP Stories

York Daily Record: PA issues 'do not eat' fishing order in 3 counties due to contaminants  
<https://www.ydr.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/02/27/pa-outdoors-dep-trout-stocking-do-not-eat-fish-forever-chemicals/88901010007/>

Carlisle Sentinel: State issues 'Do Not Eat' advisory for fish in Shippensburg area creek  
[https://cumberlink.com/news/local/article\\_3ce71915-8c7f-4d85-bcd4-7b5fccc870c3.html](https://cumberlink.com/news/local/article_3ce71915-8c7f-4d85-bcd4-7b5fccc870c3.html)

FOX43: Officials warn against eating fish from Middle Spring Creek due to high PFOS levels in Cumberland and Franklin counties  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/cumberland-county/officials-warn-against-eating-fish-from-middle-spring-creek-due-to-high-pfos-levels-in-cumberland-and-franklin-counties/521-572774e3-3d74-4b28-9721-7e6635362d1b>

Erie Times: PA issues 'do not eat' fishing order in 3 counties due to contaminants  
<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/02/27/pa-outdoors-dep-trout-stocking-do-not-eat-fish-forever-chemicals/88901010007/?tbref=hp>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: State finds tainted fish in Briar Creek branches  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/022826/page/1/story/state-finds-tainted-fish-in-briar-creek-branches>

## Mentions

The Mon Valley Independent: Funding OK'd for watershed, stream restoration  
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/03/02/funding-okd-for-watershed-stream-restoration/>

PA Environment Digest Blog: S R Star O&G LLC Violates Order To Plug 11 Abandoned Conventional Oil & Gas Wells In Butler County  
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/02/dep-s-r-star-o-llc-violates-order-to.html>

Sunbury Daily Item: Selinsgrove Borough Council expected to vote on fluoride Monday  
[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/selinsgrove-borough-council-expected-to-vote-on-fluoride-monday/article\\_420c5822-2f3a-45da-b58d-43c5e15062a5.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/selinsgrove-borough-council-expected-to-vote-on-fluoride-monday/article_420c5822-2f3a-45da-b58d-43c5e15062a5.html)

## Air

Citizens Voice: West Wyoming kratom plant nuisance hearing to resume  
<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2026/03/01/west-wyoming-kratom-plant-nuisance-hearing-to-resume/>

## Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Deer are decimating Western Pa. crops, costing millions. Washington County farmers are fighting back.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/03/01/deer-crops-southwestern-pa/stories/202602260128>

Allegheny Front: Monarch butterflies and hellbender salamanders await endangered species protection

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/monarchs-hellbenders-endangered-species-protection-delayed/>

FOX43: Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association hosts Fishing and Outdoor Show in Cumberland County

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/cumberland-county/yellow-breeches-anglers-and-conservation-association-fishing-outdoor-show-cumberland-county/521-b303147c-2d4b-4f0b-83a6-99c318c30842>

Sunbury Daily Item: Montour Preserve welcomes hundreds to join in maple tapping demonstration

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/montour-preserve-welcomes-hundreds-to-join-in-maple-tapping-demonstration/article\\_725e7ece-5b3b-4565-a415-42569bead721.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/montour-preserve-welcomes-hundreds-to-join-in-maple-tapping-demonstration/article_725e7ece-5b3b-4565-a415-42569bead721.html)

## Data Centers

The Mon Valley Independent: Data center tax break created to boost economy, add jobs in Pa. could cost state billions in revenue

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/03/02/data-center-tax-break-created-to-boost-economy-add-jobs-in-pa-could-cost-state-billions-in-revenue/>

Pennlive: A data center, a new school and a restaurant are among projects planned in central Pa.

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2026/03/a-data-center-a-new-school-and-a-restaurant-are-among-projects-planned-in-central-pa.html>

Lancaster Online: Public hearing on Manor Township data center rules set for Monday

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/public-hearing-on-manor-township-data-center-rules-set-for-monday/article\\_0a121742-aca1-4376-ba7d-6d797a6a4b00.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/public-hearing-on-manor-township-data-center-rules-set-for-monday/article_0a121742-aca1-4376-ba7d-6d797a6a4b00.html)

Republican Herald: Community meeting to be held for Kline Twp. data center

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/02/27/community-meeting-to-be-held-for-kline-twp-data-center/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Hollenback nixes data centers; Landowners' lawyer set to appeal denial of zoning change to court

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/030226/page/1/story/hollenback-nixes-data-centers>

## Energy

TribLive: Trish Reilly: Why are Pennsylvanians paying higher electric bills?

<https://triblive.com/opinion/trish-reilly-why-are-pennsylvanians-paying-higher-electric-bills/>

Bedford Gazette: With much fanfare!

[https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/with-much-fanfare/image\\_dcb64df1-b2a7-4185-876d-c8f90e1ed0ec.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/with-much-fanfare/image_dcb64df1-b2a7-4185-876d-c8f90e1ed0ec.html)

WTAJ: UGI natural gas rate set to increase beginning in March for PA customers

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/regional-news/ugi-natural-gas-rate-set-to-increase-beginning-in-march-for-pa-customers/>

WTAJ: Longtime Centre County solar agreement ending after years of work

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/longtime-centre-county-solar-agreement-ending-after-years-of-work/>

Bradford Era: Bill would modernize America's electric grid, cut red tape

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/03/02/bill-modernize-americas-electric-grid-cut-red-tape/>

Hoodline: Bucks County Fuel Leak Fury Spurs Santarsiero Pipeline Crackdown Bill

<https://hoodline.com/2026/03/bucks-county-fuel-leak-fury-spurs-santarsiero-pipeline-crackdown-bill/>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Reading Eagle: Plan in the works for 232 apartments at former Exeter Promenade

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/03/02/plan-in-the-works-for-232-apartments-at-former-exeter-promenade/>

WKOK: Grant awarded to clear hazardous Berwick buildings

<https://www.wkok.com/grant-awarded-to-clear-hazardous-berwick-buildings/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Berwick is targeting blight

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/022826/page/1/story/berwick-is-targeting-blight>

## **Oil and Gas**

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pittsburgh hosts EU officials as natural gas exports reshape transatlantic energy ties

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/02/27/european-union-united-states-lng-exports.html>

## **Vector Management**

Pocono Record: What does cold, snowy winter mean for ticks? ESU lab director explains

<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/news/local/2026/03/02/cold-snowy-winter-ticks-esu-lab/88886899007/>

WKOK: PA expands response to avian flu surge

<https://www.wkok.com/pennsylvania-expands-response-to-avian-flu-surge/>

## **Waste**

Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Borough Stormwater Authority limits stormwater fees for businesses

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/townnews/economics/ligonier-borough-stormwater-authority-limits-stormwater-fees-for-businesses/article\\_0a775b8e-6f22-46be-8109-48628af5412e.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/townnews/economics/ligonier-borough-stormwater-authority-limits-stormwater-fees-for-businesses/article_0a775b8e-6f22-46be-8109-48628af5412e.html)

Altoona Mirror: Accident claims worker at Hollidaysburg scrapyard

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/02/hollidaysburg-scrapyard-accident-claims-worker/>

WTAJ: Scrapyard employee killed in tractor-trailer accident, investigation underway

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/scrapyard-employee-killed-in-tractor-trailer-accident-investigation-underway/>

## **Water**

WESA: Anchors aweigh on boat blight along Pittsburgh's rivers, as new Pa. law takes effect

<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2026-03-02/pa-boat-blight-new-law>

Allegheny Front: How extreme weather and aging infrastructure led to months of 'musty' water in one Ohio village

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/musty-water-ohio-village/>

York Daily Record: What to do if you find waterfowl covered in oil after huge J&K fire

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/02/27/what-to-do-if-you-find-waterfowl-covered-in-oil-after-big-jk-fire/88899878007/?tbref=hp>

Reading Eagle: Berks lawmaker provides update ongoing avian flu surge

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/02/27/berks-lawmaker-provides-update-ongoing-avian-flu-surge/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Newville forms joint committee to address \$1.7M debt to water, sewer authority

[https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article\\_e385e349-4b6e-433a-bea5-f450e05b1332.html](https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_e385e349-4b6e-433a-bea5-f450e05b1332.html)

Morning Call: After all the snow, why is the Lehigh Valley still in a drought? Experts explain

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/02/28/after-all-the-snow-why-is-the-lehigh-valley-still-in-a-drought-experts-explain/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Freeburg receives \$750,000 for sewer system upgrades

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/freeburg-receives-750-000-for-sewer-system-upgrades/article\\_9930638a-87c6-4db0-ab41-3e66e915c2e0.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/freeburg-receives-750-000-for-sewer-system-upgrades/article_9930638a-87c6-4db0-ab41-3e66e915c2e0.html)

WKOK: Federal \$2.5 million coming for two Valley projects

<https://www.wkok.com/federal-2-5-million-coming-for-two-valley-projects/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Pennlive: Snow geese numbers dip at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area

<https://www.pennlive.com/outdoors/2026/03/snow-geese-numbers-dip-at-middle-creek-wildlife-management-area.html>

Lehighvalleynews: LCCC lands \$5M to train 'workers of tomorrow' for future Lilly plant in Lehigh Valley

[https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/school-news/higher-education/lccc-lands-5m-to-train-workers-of-tomorrow-for-future-lilly-plant-in-lehigh-valley?cx\\_testId=1&cx\\_testVariant=cx\\_1&cx\\_artPos=3&cx\\_experienceId=EX2CPLFS0PL9&cx\\_experienceActionId=showRecommendationsCBDUZBW4VDPA25#cxrecs\\_s](https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/school-news/higher-education/lccc-lands-5m-to-train-workers-of-tomorrow-for-future-lilly-plant-in-lehigh-valley?cx_testId=1&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=3&cx_experienceId=EX2CPLFS0PL9&cx_experienceActionId=showRecommendationsCBDUZBW4VDPA25#cxrecs_s)

Coal Region Canary: Protest Against ICE Detention Center Planned for Tremont

<https://coalregioncanary.com/2026/03/01/ice-protest-planned-tremont-schuylkill-county/>