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Top DEP Stories

York Daily Record: 10,000 gallons of oil spilled during J&K scrapyards fire, officials say
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/03/03/jk-salvage-fire-resulted-in-10000-gallons-of-oil-spilling-into-codorus-creek/88958159007/>

CBS21: Unified command established to clean up runoff from York County salvage fire
<https://local21news.com/news/local/gallery/unified-command-established-to-clean-up-runoff-from-york-county-salvage-fire?photo=1>

CBS21: York agencies work to remove hazardous material from Susquehanna River
<https://local21news.com/news/local/york-agencies-work-to-remove-hazardous-material-from-susquehanna-river>

WGAL: Unified command responds to J&K Salvage fire and oil spill
<https://www.wgal.com/article/unified-command-responds-jk-salvage-fire-oil-spill/70580795>

NorthcentralPA.com: State warns against eating fish caught in Columbia County
https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/state-warns-against-eating-fish-caught-in-columbia-county/article_78488245-cb03-4a6d-a66d-dcd1fabb6de3.html

Mentions

Indiana Gazette: Deadline nears for comments on proposed 5.8-mile Homer City gas pipeline
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Air

TribLive: Study ties up to 12.5% of Pittsburgh area adult deaths to air pollution
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Climate Change

Lancaster Online: Snowstorms aren't sign of reversal of climate change
https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/snowstorms-arent-sign-of-reversal-of-climate-change-column/article_4a8c14ca-f951-41a0-adbf-ac94c03b2eac.html

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Democrat: Friends of Flight 93 planning symposium to educate teachers on 9/11 story
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TribLive: Delmont committee seeks input to help develop Westmoreland Heritage Trail connection
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/delmont-committee-seeks-input-to-help-develop-westmoreland-heritage-trail-connection/>

Pocono Record: Pennsylvania's top hunting instructor recognized for impact
<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/03/03/pennsylvanias-top-hunting-instructor-bob-chase-honored-for-helping-youth-learn-to-hunt/88944264007/>

Citizens Voice: Luzerne County awarded \$70K state grant for open space, recreation plan update
<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2026/03/02/luzerne-county-awarded-70k-state-grant-for-open-space-recreation-plan-update/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Hundreds visit Montour Preserve for environmental education expo
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/03/hundreds-visit-montour-preserve-for-environmental-educational-expo/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Reflections in Nature: A pond freezing is an amazing thing
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/03/reflections-in-nature-a-pond-freezing-is-amazing-process/>

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Data Centers

Tribune-Democrat: Pa. House sees partisan split on proposals to regulate, monitor data centers
https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/pa-house-sees-partisan-split-on-proposals-to-regulate-monitor-data-centers/article_ffa983d8-09dd-43ee-805d-8113ac38399b.html

WJAC: Pa. Energy House Committee advances pair of bills to boost data center oversight
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pa-energy-house-committee-advances-pair-of-bills-to-boost-data-center-oversight>

Carlisle Sentinel: Grassroots resistance to data centers rises in Pennsylvania
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FOX43: Pa. House Energy Committee advances two bills regulating data centers

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/pa-house-energy-committee-advance-two-bills-regulating-data-centers-politics-dauphin-county/521-7f7c709e-92dd-4eda-84ff-3c169b0d647f>

WNEP: Data center proposal in Lower Mount Bethel Township sparks wildlife concerns
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/northampton-county/data-center-proposal-in-lower-mount-bethel-township-sparks-wildlife-concerns-northampton-county/523-9e0ebec0-2e02-4a5f-8836-3d460038881b>

WBRE: Legal fight over data center site continues
<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/legal-fight-over-data-center-site-continues/>

WOLF: Residents squabble over how to handle Jim Thorpe data center zoning ordinance
<https://fox56.com/news/local/residents-squabble-over-how-to-handle-jim-thorpe-data-center-zoning-ordinance>

Times Leader: Rezoning request to move to court in Hollenback Township
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1734179/rezoning-request-to-move-to-court-in-hollenback-township>

WNEP: Hollenback Twp. data center rezoning request heads to court
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WKOK: State house panel advances data center bills
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Energy

AP: Energy prices surge as tanker disruptions and facility shutdowns rattle global supply
<https://apnews.com/article/oil-prices-iran-us-hormuz-tanker-8a6d6fb35c89d9b0db4c4846f290c2c3>

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<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/other-commentaries/2026/03/energy-mandates-deficit-spending-undermine-affordability-concerns/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

NorthcentralPA.com: Berwick receives grant for hazardous building demolitions
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Mining

KDKA: Westmoreland County community "powdered" by dust from quarry, raising health concerns

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PFAS

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Waste

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Water

TribLive: Pittsburgh Water reports lowest-ever lead levels in city water supply

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<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/westchester/unknown-toxic-milky-white-substance-leaks-chester-co-creek>

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WKOK: Fluoride removal approved by Selinsgrove council vote

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https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/middle-creek-asks-public-to-report-sick-or-deceased-wild-birds-as-avian-flu-spreads/article_1bc43478-60aa-47f7-9257-e61989326f75.html

Reading Eagle: Middle Creek Wildlife Area issues advisory on bird flu as snow geese migration intensifies
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Carlisle Sentinel: Middle Creek advises visitors to stay in vehicles as avian flu spreads
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<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/inq2/frozen-rivers-philadelphia-snow-fall-thaw-photography-20260303.html>

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