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Top DEP Stories

PennLive: PA firm that processed gas well fracking waste fined for violating environmental laws
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/03/pa-firm-that-processed-gas-well-fracking-waste-fined-for-violating-environmental-laws.html>

Mentions

WJAC: Cambria County homeowners sue over sewer testing mandates and costly repairs
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/cambria-county-homeowners-sue-over-sewer-repair-mandates-costing-tens-of-thousands>

New Castle News: Lawmakers look to regulate, boost geothermal energy in Pa.
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/lawmakers-look-to-regulate-boost-geothermal-energy-in-pa/article_d69851d5-ff91-5a20-aa59-e5a78e1226de.html

WJET-TV: Radium on rural roads? Pa. House bills clash over 'dust control' brine
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/politics/state/2026/03/31/pennsylvania-house-of-representatives-oil-gas-brine-delaware-county-potter-county-mckean-county/89338350007/>

Philly Burbs: Radium on rural roads? Pa. House bills clash over 'dust control' brine
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Climate Change

WESA: Sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes: Allergy symptoms start earlier with climate change
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-03-31/pennsylvania-allergy-season-climate-change>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh region could see another round of severe weather ahead of abnormally high temperatures
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2026/03/30/pittsburgh-severe-weather-pirates-opening-day/stories/202603300042>

Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: Pittsburgh Botanic Garden appoints new executive director
<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-botanic-gardens-appoints-new-executive-director/>

KDKA: 1st eaglet hatches at U.S. Steel bald eagle nest

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/eaglet-hatches-us-steel-bald-eagle-nest-2026/>

Data Centers

WNEP: University of Scranton panel warns of AI data centers' impact on environment

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/university-of-scranton-panel-warns-of-ai-data-centers-impact-on-environment-lackawanna-county-scranton/523-ee65ffae-b247-4f7c-8fc2-a8fbcc96bb9d?tbref=hp>

Times Leader: Dorrance Twp. hearing on possible data center continued until May

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1737209/dorrance-twp-hearing-on-possible-data-center-continued-until-may>

Scranton Times: Wildcat Ridge Data Center Campus acquires land in Archbald

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/03/30/wildcat-ridge-data-center-campus-acquires-land-in-archbald/>

Pocono Record: Here's what sketch plan for Smithfield Township data center shows

<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/news/local/2026/03/31/proposed-data-center-buildings-smithfield-township/89392885007/>

The Reporter: Towamencin talks draft of data center codes

<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2026/03/30/towamencin-talks-draft-of-data-center-codes/>

Drought

Morning Call: Lehigh Valley drought conditions improve but persist

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/03/31/lehigh-valley-drought-conditions-improve-but-persist/>

Energy

Axios: Homer City plant will boost local power supply

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2026/03/31/homer-city-power-plant-grid-data-centers-pennsylvania>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Molly Parzen: Step up, Harrisburg

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2026/03/31/molly-parzen-harrisburg-geopolitical-oil-energy/stories/202603280007>

Citizens Voice: UGI Electric aims to raise rates for distribution service

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2026/03/30/ugi-electric-aims-to-raise-rates-for-distribution-service/>

Newcastle News: Lawmakers look to regulate, boost geothermal energy in Pa.

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/lawmakers-look-to-regulate-boost-geothermal-energy-in-pa/article_d69851d5-ff91-5a20-aa59-e5a78e1226de.html

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Peco seeks rate hike that would boost combined typical electric and gas bill \$35 a month next year

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/peco-rate-hike-request-electricity-natural-gas-20260330.html>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Gas prices eclipse \$4 a gallon in the U.S., the highest since 2022

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/nation-world/gas-prices-eclipse-4-dollars-a-gallon-20260331.html>

KYW: Trump officials exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf from endangered species rules

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/national/ap-us-trump-oil-god-squad-6th-ld-writethru>

WHYY: Your PECO bill could increase by \$20 each month starting in 2027

<https://whyy.org/articles/peco-bill-potential-increase-starting-2027/>

Levittown Now: PECO Requests Rate Hike

<https://levittownnow.com/2026/03/30/peco-requests-510-million-rate-hike/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

WFMZ: 'That time of year again': PennDOT outlines busy spring construction season

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/that-time-of-year-again-penn-dot-outlines-busy-spring-construction-season/article_8a637081-800c-488c-8af0-a2d55c5cd54e.html#tncms-source=More-from-newsroom-\(right-column\)](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/that-time-of-year-again-penn-dot-outlines-busy-spring-construction-season/article_8a637081-800c-488c-8af0-a2d55c5cd54e.html#tncms-source=More-from-newsroom-(right-column))

Oil and Gas

Sunbury Daily Item: Gas prices eclipse \$4 a gallon in the U.S.s, the highest since 2022

https://www.dailyitem.com/wire/gas-prices-eclipse-4-a-gallon-in-the-us-the-highest-since-2022/article_cc6f32dc-492d-5033-9cf0-54ec74ec65b1.html

Water

WICU-TV: Tidioute Boil Water Advisory Still in Effect

https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/tidioute-boil-water-advisory-still-in-effect/article_872e7460-5fc5-47e8-b6a2-a1e9dabaded4.html

WHYY: Chester Water Authority lifts boil water advisory in Upper Chichester area

<https://whyy.org/articles/upper-chichester-boil-water-advisory-lifted/>

Delco Times: Boil water warning still in effect for parts of CWA in Delaware County

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2026/03/30/boil-water-warning-still-in-effect-for-parts-of-cwa-in-delaware-county/>

Delco Times: CWA boil water order lifted

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2026/03/31/cwa-boil-water-order-lifted/>

Pottstown Mercury: PA American Water starts construction on Exeter wastewater plant improvements

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2026/03/31/pa-american-water-starts-construction-on-exeter-wastewater-plant-improvements/>

Miscellaneous

WHYY: New Jersey firefighters take toxic PFAS firefighting foam off their shelves

<https://whyy.org/articles/new-jersey-revive-environmental-toxic-firefighting-foam-removal/>

Bucks County Today: \$600 Million Secured to Replace Bridge Linking Bucks and Burlington Counties

<https://bucksco.today/2026/03/delaware-river-bridge/>

Philly Burbs: PA Turnpike Bridge replacement gets \$600M from feds. But what's the plan

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/traffic/2026/03/31/pa-turnpike-bridge-replacement-secures-600-million-from-federal-government/89385114007/>