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Top DEP Stories

Erie News Now: Pa. Department of Environmental Protection Awards Funding to Asbury Woods, Regional Science Consortium

<https://www.erienewsnw.com/story/50819027/pa-department-of-environmental-protection-awards-funding-to-asbury-woods-regional-science-consortium>

WITF/StateImpact: Pa. environmental education programs get \$1 million from state

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/05/23/pa-environmental-education-programs-get-1-million-from-state/>

Fox 56: Watch PA Game Commission band falcon nestlings

<https://fox56.com/news/local/watch-pennsylvania-game-commission-bands-falcon-nestlings>

Mentions

Delco Today: West Chester University's GNA Forest Fest Wins a 2024 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

<https://delco.today/2024/05/west-chester-university-gna-forest-fest/>

East Palestine Train Derailment

New Castle News: Norfolk Southern will pay modest \$15 million fine as part of federal settlement over Ohio derailment

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/norfolk-southern-will-pay-modest-15-million-fine-as-part-of-federal-settlement-over-ohio/article_dd44b497-7a7c-5506-a8f2-652d3d06885a.html

AP: Norfolk Southern will pay \$15 million fine as part of federal settlement over Ohio derailment

<https://apnews.com/article/norfolk-southern-east-palestine-derailment-federal-settlement-7d17ffc3f3f5763c0306cf10e2012713>

Environmental Health News: Court gives preliminary approval of \$600 million settlement for the East Palestine train derailment

<https://www.ehn.org/east-palestine-settlement-2668349941.html>

Post-Gazette: After court moves forward on East Palestine train derailment settlement, residents face tough choices

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2024/05/22/east-palestine-lawsuit-settlement-norfolk-southern-600-million/stories/202405220100>

Beaver County Times: EPA, DOJ settle with Norfolk Southern for \$310 million over East Palestine derailment

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/courts/2024/05/23/norfolk-southern-settlement-east-palestine-epa-doj/73818906007/>

KDKA Radio: Federal government, Norfolk Southern come to settlement agreement

<https://www.audacy.com/kdkaradio/news/local/government-norfolk-southern-come-to-settlement-agreement>

Air

WITF: Asbestos discovered in Pa. Farm Show Complex years after removal project

<https://www.witf.org/2024/05/23/asbestos-discovered-in-pa-farm-show-complex-years-after-removal-project/>

Allegheny Front: ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S CLEAN AIR FUND COULD DO MORE TO FIGHT POLLUTION, CONTROLLER SAYS

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/allegheny-county-clean-air-fund-pollution-controller-report/>

KDKA: New statistics show heightened mortality rate from fine particulate pollution across Allegheny County, Mon Valley

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/new-statistics-heightened-mortality-rate-fine-particulate-pollution-allegheny-county-mon-valley/>

Conservation and Recreation

York Daily Record: Lake Williams will reopen to boaters over Memorial Day weekend: York Water Company

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2024/05/24/lake-williams-in-pa-to-reopen-to-boaters-over-memorial-day-weekend/73818562007/>

York Dispatch: Lake Williams reopening for recreation as dam project nears completion

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/05/23/lake-williams-reopening-for-recreation-as-dam-project-nears-completion/73820269007/>

FOX43: May 25 following two-year renovation project

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/york-county/york-water-company-announces-lake-williams-reopen-may-25/521-60c56031-0278-4604-aa7a-8dc06faffe3a>

WGAL: York Water Company reopens Lake Williams

<https://www.wgal.com/article/york-water-company-reopens-lake-williams-pennsylvania/60888162>

WFMZ: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area getting ready for summer crowds

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Penn State News: Environmentors offers high school students college research experience
<https://www.psu.edu/news/harrisburg/story/environmentors-offers-high-school-students-college-research-experience/>

StateCollege.com: Today's seniors: Watching over our waterways
<https://www.statecollege.com/town-and-gown/todays-seniors-watching-over-our-waterways/>

Tribune-Review: Advocates laud 'long overdue' effort to boost Frick Park access for disabled people
<https://triblive.com/local/advocates-laud-long-overdue-effort-to-boost-frick-park-access-for-disabled-people/>

Energy

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Senate nominee David McCormick: US needs energy independence
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/05/senate-nominee-david-mccormick-us-needs-energy-independence/>

Spotlight PA: Communities fear health, environmental harms as they await more info on hydrogen hub projects
<https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2024/05/pennsylvania-biden-administration-hydrogen-hubs-community-benefits-public-input/>

Reuters: Solar hits above its weight in powering US energy transition
<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/solar-hits-above-its-weight-powering-us-energy-transition-maguire-2024-05-24/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Driving energy leadership
<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-driving-energy-leadership/>

Oil and Gas

Delaware Valley Journal: Casey Flips on Gas Appliance Ban, Joins GOP Opposing Biden Policy
<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/casey-flips-on-gas-appliance-ban-joins-gop-opposing-biden-policy/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Study: PA sees \$450B in health benefits from natural gas
https://www.dailyitem.com/wire/state/study-pennsylvanians-see-450b-in-health-benefits-from-natural-gas/article_84555960-720d-5f76-ac64-7978c7e97bf6.html

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT's acquisition of Equitrans clears antitrust hurdle
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/05/23/eqt-equitrans-antitrust-hart-rodino.html>

Allegheny Front: COULD PENNSYLVANIA'S FRACKING WASTEWATER HOLD THE KEY TO THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY TRANSITION?
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-fracking-marcellus-wastewater-lithium/>

Radiation Protection

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: NRC says nuclear plant is safely operated

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/052424/page/1/story/nrc-says-n-plant-is-safely-operated>

Waste

The Clarion News: County recycling day set for June 29

https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/frontpage/county-recycling-day-set-for-june-29/article_c9242227-a761-5410-a53c-51ef9d8c7c45.html

Water

Indiana Gazette: Hydrant flushing set in Homer-Center area

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https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/tour-of-swarr-run-to-showcase-stream-restoration-techniques/article_36dd3da8-1915-11ef-ac45-8b54ddd922da.html

Lancaster Online: Webinar to detail research on contaminants in private wells

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Washout closes Bald Top Road

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/052424/page/1/story/washout-closes-bald-top-road>

Lock Haven Express: City to increase water rates for customers; new rates to take effect July 23

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/05/city-to-increase-water-rates-for-customers-new-rates-to-take-effect-july-23/>

Latrobe Bulletin: Hydrant maintenance underway in LMA service area

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KDKA: North Hills woman says a pipe is causing a landslide, flooding in her backyard

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<https://whyy.org/articles/doylestown-township-passes-single-use-plastic-bag-ban/>

WTaj: Events planned for 135th Johnstown Flood Anniversary

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/events-planned-for-135th-johnstown-flood-anniversary/>

WBRE: Cicada season: Do they bite? Could they pee on you?

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/national-news/cicada-season-do-they-bite-could-they-pee-on-you/>

Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh's warm stretch has helped trigger a perfect storm of severe weather and tornadoes

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2024/05/24/pittsburgh-tornadoes-weather-climate-change/stories/202405220067>

Post-Gazette: Aimee Curtwright: 'Circular' economic development projects could build common ground

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2024/05/24/blue-hydrogren-circular-economic-development-rand-corporation/stories/202405240001>