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Top DEP Stories

WVIA: Pa. environmental education programs receive \$1 million from state
<https://www.wvia.org/news/pennsylvania-news/2024-05-28/pa-environmental-education-programs-receive-1-million-from-state>

Mentions

Erie Times: Pa. DEP is understaffed and can't fulfill mission to protect our health and environment
<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/columns/2024/05/29/rep-greg-vitali-shapiro-budget-pa-dep-environment-shale-oil-gas-pollution-pfas-inspection-permit/73875310007/>

KDKA: Researchers in Pittsburgh discover large source of lithium in Pennsylvania
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/jessica-guay-water/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: 'Significant, positive change' after Tioga River project gets \$68M for treatment
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/05/significant-positive-change-after-tioga-river-project-gets-68m-for-treatment/>

Lock Haven Express: Orphan Well Plugging Grant Program is opportunity to work with oil, gas industry to benefit the environment
<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/columns/2024/05/orphan-well-plugging-grant-program-is-opportunity-to-work-with-oil-gas-industry-to-benefit-the-environment/>

Train Derailment/Home Explosion/Other

Tribune-Review: Rustic Ridge family that lost home to explosion awaits completion of new house
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/a-return-to-normalcy-rustic-ridge-family-that-lost-home-to-explosion-awaiting-completion-of-new-house/>

Air

WESA: Air pollution decreased, but still causes hundreds of deaths a year in Allegheny County
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-05-29/allegheny-county-air-pollution-deaths>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philadelphia's Black communities would suffer most from weakened air pollution rules
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/clean-air-act-particulate-matter-pollution-new-standards-congressional-review-20240529.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Wellsboro Gazette: Event raises awareness of environment, careers

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/event-raises-awareness-of-environment-careers/article_61a55ade-183e-11ef-94f8-b312cdce343d.html

Potter Leader-Enterprise: PA forest inducted into Old Growth Forest Network

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter_leader_enterprise/news/local/pa-forest-inducted-into-old-growth-forest-network/article_e442b882-1835-11ef-9d9d-b303aae22fce.html

Beaver County Times: Fall cankerworms drop from leaves onto homes, cars and people in southwestern Pa.

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/05/28/do-fall-cankerworms-kill-trees-in-pennsylvania-dcnr-oak-maple-cherry-apple-trees-pesticides/73876002007/>

Tribune-Review: Game commission partners with Maryland Zoo to boost Allegheny wood rat population

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/game-commission-partners-with-maryland-zoo-to-boost-allegheny-wood-rat-population/>

Erie Times: North East High School team wins state Envirothon, heads to international competition

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/05/29/north-east-team-going-to-envirothon-international-competition-after-pa-erie-county-wins/73878549007/>

Erie Times: Growing our recreational trail networks benefits Erie County residents - and our economy

<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/columns/2024/05/29/recreational-trails-economy-community-erie-county-pittsburgh-bike-impact-corry/73816252007/>

Butler Eagle: DCNR expanding free sunscreen at state parks

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240529/dcnr-expanding-free-sunscreen-at-state-parks/>

Corry Journal: 'Celebrate Trails Day' to provide fun for all this Saturday

https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_d9f2fb04-1cfd-11ef-8853-eb4d59efe95e.html

Energy

Lancaster Online: Electricity rates for most Lancaster County residents to fall about 8% starting in June

https://lancasteronline.com/business/local_business/electricity-rates-for-most-lancaster-county-residents-to-fall-about-8-starting-in-june/article_885332a6-1d29-11ef-8517-03c37a7483d8.html

abc27: Changes coming to electric rates June 1 in Pennsylvania

<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/changes-coming-to-electric-rates-june-1-in-pennsylvania/>

Gettysburg Times: Oxford Twp. pushes to restrict solar

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_f808557c-873c-5a78-af98-fa01e6ca8115.html

WPXI: Funding secured to convert slag heap...

<https://www.wpxi.com/video/funding-secured-convert-slag-heap-into-solar-farm/724f27f6-8e2f-4dc1-b668-ff0c6b01f792/>

Post-Gazette: Editorial: Yes, solar can work in cloudy Pittsburgh

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2024/05/29/solar-farm-frick-park-duquesne-slag-summer-lee/stories/202405290016>

E&E News: Casey pushes natural gas, nuclear for hydrogen tax credit

<https://www.eenews.net/articles/casey-pushes-natural-gas-nuclear-for-hydrogen-tax-credit/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

WJET-TV: Volunteers remove over 500 tires from Allegheny Watershed during annual cleanup

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Oil and Gas

Tribune-Review: Pa.'s fracking wastewater could be a reliable source of lithium, study says

<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/pa-s-fracking-wastewater-could-be-a-reliable-source-of-lithium-study-says/>

Delaware Valley Journal: California Ban on Gas-Powered Vehicles Will Hit PA Driveways

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/california-ban-on-gas-powered-vehicles-will-hit-pa-driveways/>

Radiation Protection

WFMZ: Limerick nuclear plant to test sirens next week

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/southeastern-pa/limerick-nuclear-plant-to-test-sirens-next-week/article_c899ba14-1cfd-11ef-8b95-0f0bd5f7f94b.html

Vector Management

Penn State News: Q&A: How can I protect my family and pets from tick-borne diseases?

<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences/story/qa-how-can-i-protect-my-family-and-pets-tick-borne-diseases/>

abc27: Here's why you may see a helicopter flying over Central Pennsylvania

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/heres-why-you-may-see-a-helicopter-flying-over-central-pennsylvania-2/>

More Than the Curve: Four parks in Conshohocken to be sprayed for mosquitoes on May 30th

<https://morethanthecurve.com/four-parks-in-conshohocken-to-be-sprayed-for-mosquitoes-on-may-30th/>

Waste

WTAE: Pittsburgh recycling drop-off site in Beltzhoover to close due to illegal dumping
<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-recycling-site-closes-beltzhoover/60930012>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pittsburgh to close recycling drop off center, cites illegal dumping
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/05/28/pittsburgh-closes-recycling-drop-off-center.html>

Next Pittsburgh: Zieros, Dormont's zero-waste home goods store, promotes sustainability
<https://nextpittsburgh.com/environment/zieros-dormonts-zero-waste-home-goods-store-promotes-sustainability/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: 412 Food Rescue announces Brad Fetchin as new vice president of product
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/05/28/412-food-rescue-announced-vice-president-product.html>

Wellsboro Gazette: Saving the planet with scrap wood: Local business plans to convert waste wood products to gasoline
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Water

Wellsboro Gazette: Nelson Twp. loans \$15k to authority
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/nelson-township-loans-15-000-to-authority/article_7e0b6d6a-1480-11ef-9ced-e3cc0bed9085.html

Wellsboro Gazette: Municipal Authority makes decision on fluoridation
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York Dispatch: With dam complete, Lake Williams ready to fulfill water needs for another century
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/05/28/with-dam-complete-lake-williams-ready-to-fulfill-water-needs-for-another-century/73787656007/>

WJAC: 1889 Johnstown Flood: How shortcuts, heavy rains led to the dam's 'catastrophic' failure
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/1889-johnstown-flood-how-shortcuts-heavy-rains-led-to-the-dams-catastrophic-failure#>

My ChesCo: Aqua Pennsylvania Seeks Rate Increase to Fund Infrastructure Upgrades
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/aqua-pennsylvania-seeks-rate-increase-to-fund-infrastructure-upgrades/>

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<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/50838611/us-army-corps-of-engineers-to-host-conneaut-creek-sea-lamprey-barrier-public-information-meeting>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2024/05/29/pittsburgh-school-districts-electric-buses/stories/202405280089>

Post-Gazette: West Jefferson, Carmichaels and Upper St. Clair students win Envirothon competitions
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