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Top DEP Stories

Allegheny Front: Federal money will pay for “enhanced” geothermal project in Pennsylvania
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-indiana-county-enhanced-geothermal-well/>

TribLive: Endangered mussels disappearing beneath Western Pennsylvania rivers
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/endangered-mussels-disappearing-beneath-western-pennsylvania-rivers/>

Mentions

Kane Republican: The consequences of Mount Jewett’s municipal secrecy
<https://kanerepublican.pressreader.com/kane-republican/20260505/281496462897924/textview>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Landfill expansion proposal approved by Lycoming County Commissioners
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/05/landfill-expansion-proposal-approved-by-lycoming-county-commissioners/>

CBS3: Delaware County residents worry after gasoline leak from Aston tank farm
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQou6_-DDLw

Philly Burbs: Exposed carcasses, dark pools found at Buck County farm, PADEP report
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2026/05/04/pa-cites-shull-farm-in-plumstead-for-slaughter-waste-violations-dep-kingdom-provisions-buckingham/89873532007/>

Air

Lewistown Sentinel: Meeting to seek input on transportation, air quality plan
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/05/meeting-to-seek-input-on-transportation-air-quality-plan/>

Conservation and Recreation

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/recreation/2026/05/05/ghost-town-trail-loop-bike/stories/202604260129>

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/tarentum-oks-2-chimney-swift-towers-critical-to-supporting-bird-population/>

TribLive: Trail association hosts Spring Hiking Weekend in Laurel Highlands

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/trail-association-hosts-spring-hiking-weekend-in-laurel-highlands/>

WJAC: Officials: Section of Ghost Town Trail closed in Nanty Glo after sinkholes discovered

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/officials-section-of-ghost-town-trail-closed-in-nanty-glo-after-sinkholes-discovered>

WNEP: Students participate in Science Day

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/wayne-county/science-day-wayne-county-lake-ariel-western-wayne/523-004a74c1-9a2a-42b8-9688-5ae3ca10d53f?tbref=hp>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Students excel at Envirothon

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/05/05/3/students-excel-envirothon>

Data Centers

WESA: AI's building boom is giving Pennsylvania unions new power

<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2026-05-05/ai-data-center-building-trades-union-pennsylvania>

Citizens Voice: LCCC hosts talk with Sen. McCormick on energy regulations, data centers

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2026/05/04/lccc-hosts-talk-with-sen-mccormick-on-energy-regulations-data-centers/>

WOLF: Sen. McCormick, regional leaders discuss energy and economic growth in PA

<https://fox56.com/news/local/sen-mccormick-regional-leaders-discuss-energy-and-economic-growth-in-pa>

WFMZ: Opposition grows as residents push back on proposed data center in Northampton County

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Energy

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/04/westmoreland-county-hub-energy-investment.html>

WESA: Pa. Gov. Shapiro says regulated utility system is 'broken'

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-05-05/pennsylvania-governor-josh-shapiro-utilities-letter-corporate-profits>

Lehighvalleylive: Shapiro wants end to 'excessive' utility rate hikes, but has little authority over them

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2026/05/shapiro-wants-end-to-excessive-utility-rate-hikes-but-has-little-authority-over-them.html>

ABC27: Advocates push for more solar-powered schools in Pennsylvania

<https://www.abc27.com/news/environment/advocates-push-for-more-solar-powered-schools-in-pennsylvania/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Pa Environment Digest Blog: Environmental Groups, Gannon University Held 2nd Annual Nurdle Hunt To Document Microplastic Pollution In Pennsylvania

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/05/environmental-groups-gannon-university.html>

Oil and Gas

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/05/governor-demands-stop-to-excessive-rate-hikes-but-has-little-authority/>

Waste

KDKA: Alcosan's \$3 billion wastewater project already hundreds of millions of dollars over budget, officials say

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/alcosan-wastewater-project-over-budget/>

Water

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Citizens Voice: Sinkhole closes Mundy Street intersection

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2026/05/04/sinkhole-closes-mundy-street-intersection/>

Pennlive: 'Scar on the landscape:' Opposition group fights Pa. Turnpike's tunnel bypass

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/05/a-scar-on-the-landscape-opposition-group-fights-pa-turnpikes-tunnel-bypass-project.html>