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## Top DEP Stories

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: DEP: Chemicals not spreading

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/05/12/1/dep-chemicals-not-spreading>

Fox56: State officials host event on "forever" chemicals, and how they're trying to help

<https://fox56.com/news/local/state-officials-host-event-on-forever-chemicals-and-how-theyre-trying-to-help>

## Mentions

TribLive: Homer City power plant water usage remains unclear

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/homer-city-power-plant-water-usage-remains-unclear/>

## Air

WESA: Pittsburgh buildings cut carbon emissions faster than planned, report says

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-05-12/pittsburgh-2030-district-carbon-emissions-cuts>

Altoona Mirror: Bill to end vehicle emissions testing program passes

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/05/pa-senate-vehicle-emissions-testing-sb1298-bill-passes/>

## Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Brandon McGinley: It's porch bird season in Pittsburgh

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2026/05/11/american-robin-nest-egg-audubon-nature-wilderness/stories/202605120015>

WJAC: Annual fishing derby draws 200+ anglers; supports Ridgway Catholic school's programs

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/annual-fishing-derby-draws-200-anglers-supports-ridgway-catholic-schools-programs>

TribLive: Trump administration cancels rule that made conservation a 'use' of public lands

<https://triblive.com/news/world/trump-administration-cancels-rule-that-made-conservation-a-use-of-public-lands/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: DCNR opens \$500,000 grant program to protect at-risk wildlife, native plants

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/05/dcnr-opens-500000-grant-program-to-protect-at-risk-wildlife-native-plants/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: First four Floating Classrooms are announced for the year

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/05/first-four-floating-classrooms-are-announced-for-year/>

## **Data Centers**

Lehighvalleylive: Voting rights group convenes panel on rapid growth of data centers in Lehigh Valley

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/lehigh-county/2026/05/voting-rights-group-convenes-panel-on-rapid-growth-of-data-center-in-lehigh-valley.html>

The Times-Tribune: Project Green Mountain data center hearing in Archbald focuses on generators, traffic

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/05/11/project-green-mountain-data-center-hearing-in-archbald-focuses-on-generators-traffic/>

WOLF: Kline Township meeting draws questions over AWS data center

<https://fox56.com/news/local/kline-township-meeting-draws-questions-over-aws-data-center>

Standard Speaker: Butler Twp. moves supervisors meeting to larger venue for May 12

<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2026/05/11/butler-twp-moves-supervisors-meeting-to-larger-venue-for-may-12/>

KYW: Limerick residents speak out against proposed data center

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/limerick-residents-protest-data-center>

Daily Local: North Coventry moves toward writing zoning ordinance to deal with data center

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/05/12/north-coventry-moves-toward-writing-zoning-ordinance-to-deal-with-data-center/>

## **Energy**

Allegheny Front: Electricity grid maps could speed addition of renewable energy sources in Pa., panel hears

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-electricity-grid-maps-renewable-energy-sources/>

WNEP: PPL stresses importance of electrical safety as summer approaches

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lycoming-county/ppl-stresses-the-importance-of-electrical-safety-as-summer-approaches-doug-haupt-generators-circuits/523-63fedcd7-8e1a-40be-ab65-a2eefcee0524?tbref=hp>

Warren Times: Bill supporting power grid longevity passes House

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/05/bill-supporting-power-grid-longevity-passes-house/>

Sharon Herald: Conditional use approved for solar farm in Shenango Township

[https://www.sharonherald.com/news/conditional-use-approved-for-solar-farm-in-shenango-township/article\\_8062394c-2353-43f5-9ddd-548742065d05.html](https://www.sharonherald.com/news/conditional-use-approved-for-solar-farm-in-shenango-township/article_8062394c-2353-43f5-9ddd-548742065d05.html)

Lancaster Online: Lancaster County farmland advocates and farmers should find middle ground on solar energy

[https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/lancaster-county-farmland-advocates-and-farmers-should-find-middle-ground-on-solar-energy-editorial/article\\_fd20eee7-a314-44f5-856e-572bd174625f.html](https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/lancaster-county-farmland-advocates-and-farmers-should-find-middle-ground-on-solar-energy-editorial/article_fd20eee7-a314-44f5-856e-572bd174625f.html)

Central Penn Business Journal: Rhoads Energy expands Lancaster biodiesel facility to boost cleaner home heating

<https://www.cpbj.com/rhoads-energy-expands-lancaster-biodiesel-facility-to-boost-cleaner-home-heating/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly says its clean energy campaign has generated \$1.3B in investment, created more than 11,000 jobs

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/philadelphia-clean-energy-campaign-results-investments-jobs-20260512.html>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Ideas sought for old Berwick train station

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/05/10/3/ideas-sought-old-berwick-train-station>

## **Vector Management**

Bucks County Today: Lyme Disease Risk Is Rising in Bucks County and Southeast Pennsylvania. Here's What You Need to Know

<https://bucksco.today/2026/05/2026-tick-season-warning-southeastern-pennsylvania/>

## **Waste**

Daily Courier: South Connellsville OKs new garbage contract

[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/south-connellsville-oks-new-garbage-contract/article\\_e483fa3a-3e9a-4ba7-8922-bd502d59f95c.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/south-connellsville-oks-new-garbage-contract/article_e483fa3a-3e9a-4ba7-8922-bd502d59f95c.html)

CBS21: City of Harrisburg seeks volunteers to pick up trash on 'Hotspot Saturdays'

<https://local21news.com/news/local/city-of-harrisburg-seeks-volunteers-to-pick-up-trash-on-hotspot-saturdays-allison-hill-shipoke-myers-alley-uptown-cleanup-illegal-dumping-pennsylvania-pa>

WTAJ: PA Rep. looks to introduce automated litter enforcement systems

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/regional-news/pa-rep-looks-to-introduce-automated-litter-enforcement-systems/>

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York Daily Record: What's next in debate over fluoride in Hanover's drinking water?

<https://www.eveningsun.com/story/news/local/2026/05/11/vote-expected-soon-on-removing-fluoride-from-hanovers-drinking-water/89878342007/>

York Daily Record: Chambersburg council votes to stop adding fluoride in public water

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/05/12/chambersburg-council-votes-to-stop-adding-fluoride-in-public-water/90038563007/>

FOX43: Chambersburg Borough Council votes to end practice of including fluoride in water supply

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/franklin-county/chambersburg-borough-council-votes-against-fluoride-water-system-upgrades/521-01b7c966-428a-4286-9e99-e9c5612b55f3>

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Huntingdon Daily News: Sewage officer addresses system issues

[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/sewage-officer-addresses-system-issues/article\\_08ff5c9a-d00e-4f88-86d1-3e5fedcb9589.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/sewage-officer-addresses-system-issues/article_08ff5c9a-d00e-4f88-86d1-3e5fedcb9589.html)

ABC27: Drainage review to block lanes on York County highway

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/york/drainage-review-to-block-lanes-on-york-county-highway/>

My Chesco.com: Black Rock Sanctuary: Where the River Quietly Reclaimed Itself

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/lifestyle/outdoor-recreation/black-rock-sanctuary-where-the-river-quietly-reclaimed-itself/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Don't privatize our water (LTE)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/05/12/6/dont-privatize-our-water>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: LHU student revolutionizing stream restoration with rock-powered science

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/05/lhu-student-revolutionizing-stream-restoration-with-rock-powered-science/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Churchill moves closer to transforming former Westinghouse site

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2026/05/12/churchill-westinghouse-zoning-ordinance/stories/202605110065>

Pittsburgh Business Times: U.S. Steel and contractor contest OSHA citations after Clairton explosion

[https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/11/united-states-steel-osa-contest-clairton.html?cx\\_testId=132&cx\\_testVariant=cx\\_undefined&cx\\_artPos=8#cxrecs\\_s](https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/11/united-states-steel-osa-contest-clairton.html?cx_testId=132&cx_testVariant=cx_undefined&cx_artPos=8#cxrecs_s)

York Daily Record: Gettysburg Battlefield shares plans to restore native grasslands

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/05/08/gettysburg-pa-national-military-park-to-restore-native-grasslands-battlefield-habitats/89997291007/>

Lancaster Farming: Extension Retiree Leads Effort to Protect Rare and Historic Trees

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/extension-retiree-leads-effort-to-protect-rare-and-historic-trees/article\\_3bc6cdbc-e438-49ed-a441-dd0b60b7f0de.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/extension-retiree-leads-effort-to-protect-rare-and-historic-trees/article_3bc6cdbc-e438-49ed-a441-dd0b60b7f0de.html)

FOX43: Hazmat crews cleaning up large fertilizer spill in Lancaster County, road closed

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/lancaster-county/hazmat-crews-cleaning-up-large-fertilizer-spill-in-lancaster-county-road-closed/521-357b2462-7903-4d8d-98b8-33aab504aaef>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/food-scrap-building-materials/>

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