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Top DEP Stories

StateCollege.com: Penn State enters agreement for water contamination cleanup around State College Regional Airport after 5 year DEP investigation

https://www.statecollege.com/articles/psu-news/penn-state-enters-agreement-for-water-contamination-cleanup-around-state-college-regional-airport-after-5-year-dep-investigation/#google_vignette

Mentions

Pa Environment Digest Blog: EPA, Justice Dept., DEP Announce \$5.275 Million In Penalties, Plus \$1.4 Million In Abandoned Well Plugging Funding Against Shale Gas Drilling Companies-- XTO Energy, Inc., Hilcorp Energy Company For Federal, State Clean Air Act Violations

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/11/epa-justice-dept-dep-announce-5275.html>

WVIA: Economic development in Luzerne County gets fast tracked

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2024-11-21/economic-development-in-luzerne-county-gets-fast-tracked>

Standard Speaker: In Hazleton Shapiro signs order to speed up a big development, permit process

<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2024/11/20/in-hazleton-shapiro-signs-order-to-speed-up-big-development-permit-process/>

StateCollege.com: A Troubled Centre County Water System Is Moving Toward a Possible Sale. Local Officials Want to Help Avoid Costly Rate Increases

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/a-troubled-centre-county-water-system-is-moving-toward-a-possible-sale-local-officials-want-to-help-avoid-costly-rate-increases/>

SpotlightPA: A troubled rural water system is moving toward a possible sale. Local officials want to help avoid costly rate increases.

<https://www.spotlightpa.org/statecollege/2024/11/rural-pennsylvania-rock-spring-water-company-centre-county-state-college-public-utilities/>

Clearfield Progress-News: Municipal news briefs: CKG Authority meets, discusses projects, drought

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/municipal-news-briefs/article_c2d2cb00-a77e-11ef-8252-c7fbfeb803a6.html

Air

The Derrick: Venango burn ban lifted

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The Derrick: Boil-water advisory lifted for Fryburg Water customers

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Conservation and Recreation

Corry Journal: Nearly \$500,000 Awarded for Recreation, Conservation in 65th District

https://www.thecorryjournal.com/hometown/article_1e2177ba-a6b0-11ef-b026-d3bba40fd0e9.html

The Mercury: West Pottsgrove moves to take sliver of Pottstown Airport property

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/11/22/west-pottsgrove-moves-to-take-sliver-of-pottstown-airport-property/>

Bucks County Herald: Landscape architect presents plan for Solebury Green park

https://www.buckscountyherald.com/news/landscape-architect-presents-plan-for-solebury-green-park/article_1ca40fb6-a826-11ef-b9e2-675d1e2ad2b0.html

Centre Daily Times: 11 miles of new trails to be constructed next year in Rothrock State Forest. What to know

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article295859064.html#campaignName=statecollege_morning_newsletter

WTAJ: Over \$99k granted to Centre County nonprofit

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/over-99k-granted-to-centre-county-nonprofit/>

Wellsboro Gazette: Wellsboro gets grant for tree inventory

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/community/wellsboro-gets-grant-for-tree-inventory/article_292ea540-a59a-11ef-b1a7-13a441926c9a.html

Drought

Philly Burbs: Part of Bucks County enters 'extreme drought' this week amid worst dry spell in 22 years

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2024/11/22/bucks-county-enters-extreme-drought-will-rain-this-weekend-weather-snow-black-friday>

Lancaster Online: Pennsylvania sees record wildfires this fall, but risk is decreasing

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WITF/StateImpact: Pennsylvania sees record wildfires this fall

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/11/21/pennsylvania-sees-record-wildfires-this-fall-but-risk-is-decreasing/>

abc27: Pennsylvania Game Commission lifts temporary burn ban

<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-game-commission-lifts-temporary-burn-ban/>

WFMZ: Rain, rain, don't go away: Reading fire chief says precautions needed in still dry conditions

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Energy

Centre Daily Times: Centre County solar project takes big step forward as first — and largest — entity signs on

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Oil and Gas

Bradford Era: Marcellus Shale Coalition announces leadership transition

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Vector Management

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Waste

Grid Magazine: Most of Philadelphia's unused food ends up in landfills. Improved composting services can help to change that

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New Castle News: U.S. towns plunge into debates about fluoride in water

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Philly Burbs: Water company investigating taste, smell complaints around Abington, Trevo

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2024/11/21/bad-water-taste-smell-complaints-spark-aqua-investigation-abington-willow-grove-feasterville>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Why the water suddenly stinks in Abington

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/water-bad-smell-taste-abington-drought-aqua-20241121.html>

Pennlive: Dauphin County water company issues boil water advisory

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/11/dauphin-county-water-company-issues-boil-water-advisory.html>

FOX43: Capitol Region Water announces upcoming temporary switch to backup water supply

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abc27: A troubled rural water system is moving toward a possible sale. Local officials want to help avoid costly rate increases.

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Penn State Extension: Novel Stream Restoration Method for Wild Trout and Ecosystem Health

<https://extension.psu.edu/novel-stream-restoration-method-for-wild-trout-and-ecosystem-health>

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New Castle News: Precautionary bulk testing of raw milk to begin in Pa. amid bird flu outbreak

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Times Herald: Montgomery County officials celebrate completion of Ridge Pike Improvement Project's first phase

<https://www.timesherald.com/2024/11/21/montgomery-county-officials-celebrate-completion-of-ridge-pike-improvement-projects-first-phase/>

Lancaster Farming: PA Game Commission's New Plan to Spend Gas Lease Royalties Applauded by Senator

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CBS21: Developer sues Silver Spring Township after board rejects massive warehouse proposal

<https://local21news.com/news/local/developer-sues-silver-spring-township-after-board-rejects-massive-warehouse-proposal#>