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Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Business Times: Energy Transfer, Atlantic Richfield to pay \$3.3M penalty for decades of oil pollution in Allegheny River

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/11/24/energy-transfer-atlantic-richfield-lawrenceville.html>

WPXI: Local companies to pay over \$3 million as part of settlement with DEP for Allegheny River pollution

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/local-companies-pay-over-3-million-part-settlement-with-dep-allegheny-river-pollution/5EYPVNNHHZGTFEUUSVLG4P4SF4/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Columbia County awarded watershed restoration grant

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/columbia-county-awarded-watershed-restoration-grant/article_32ba9c0a-4f7d-4d2b-9bf7-26545cd24a65.html

Climate Change

LehighValleyNews: Flooding, drought: Lehigh University survey seeks residents' opinions on extreme weather

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/flooding-drought-lehigh-university-survey-seeks-residents-opinions-on-extreme-weather>

StateCollege.com: We are in a dangerous climate, but we are far from helpless (Op-Ed)

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/opinion/op-ed-we-are-in-a-dangerous-climate-but-we-are-far-from-helpless/>

Conservation and Recreation

Latrobe Bulletin: Laurel Valley Elementary Students plant trees along creek to improve stream health

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/laurel-valley-elementary-students-plant-trees-along-creek-to-improve-stream-health/article_d985582c-2029-4620-9c9c-df0f829c5b6a.html

WPXI: Fallingwater undergoing significant preservation work as it approaches 90th anniversary

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/fallingwater-undergoing-significant-preservation-work-it-approaches-90th-anniversary/Q6BAMPZH45ETHC2E2AFKAEJDDU/>

Altoona Mirror: Rails to Trails officials hopeful Lower Trail's Dilling Bridge will reopen before winter

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/11/lowertrail-dillingbridge-officials-hopeful-reopen-before-winter/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Reflections in Nature: Many animals seek shelter, dens in winter
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/11/reflections-in-nature-many-animals-seek-shelter-dens-in-winter/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: A Constitutional right to hunt and fish?
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/11/a-constitutional-right-to-hunt-and-fish/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: December: The advent mystery of new beginnings in nature
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/11/december-the-advent-mystery-of-new-beginnings-in-nature/>

StateCollege.com: Our tree removal conundrum (Column)
<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/columns/hook-our-tree-removal-conundrum/>

Data Centers

WESA: Springdale hears hours of testimony on proposed data center; plans December vote
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-11-25/springdale-data-center-testimony>

Tribune-Review: Springdale Council mulls data center before vote; opposing counsel backs out of process
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-council-mulls-data-center-before-vote-opposing-counsel-backs-out-of-process/>

WFMZ: PUC invites public comment on proposed oversight plan for data centers
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/puc-invites-public-comment-on-proposed-oversight-plan-for-data-centers/article_3340aeaa-2705-4fa8-946c-1338258eb38b.html

Scranton Times: Archbald council passes data center zoning ordinance in divided vote
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/11/24/archbald-council-passes-data-center-zoning-ordinance-in-divided-vote/>

WBRE: Residents say no, council votes yes in data center vote
<https://www.2822news.com/top-news/residents-say-no-council-votes-yes-in-data-center-vote/>

WOLF56: Archbald council passes data center zoning ordinance despite public opposition
<https://fox56.com/news/local/archbald-council-passes-data-center-zoning-ordinance-despite-public-opposition>

Scranton Times: Valley View administrators look to data centers amid financial struggles
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/11/23/valley-view-administrators-look-to-data-centers-amid-financial-struggles/>

Republican Herald: Pennsylvania utility regulators propose special treatment for data centers
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/11/24/pennsylvania-utility-regulators-propose-special-treatment-for-data-centers/>

Energy

KDKA: Electric prices in Pennsylvania going up on Dec. 1

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-electric-prices-increase-dec/>

Tribune-Review: Duquesne Light rates climb 10% as statewide electric price hikes begin

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/duquesne-light-rates-climb-10-as-statewide-electric-price-hikes-begin/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Electricity costs set to rise in most of Pennsylvania next month

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/11/24/electricity-costs-rise-pennsylvania-pjm/stories/202511240099>

York Daily Record: Electric rates will rise Dec. 1 for Met-Ed and PPL customers, PUC says

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2025/11/24/electric-rates-rising-dec-1-for-met-ed-ppl-customers/87455112007/?tbref=hp>

CBS21: PUC announces electric utility changes beginning Dec. 1

<https://local21news.com/news/local/puc-announces-electric-utility-changes-beginning-dec-1-price-increases-heating-bill-pennsylvania-electricity>

Morning Call: Lehigh Valley Lawmaker wants to increase solar on warehouse roofs

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/11/24/a-lehigh-valley-lawmaker-wants-to-increase-solar-on-warehouse-roofs-heres-how/>

Times Leader: PUC alerts consumers of Dec. 1 electric price changes

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1725304/puc-alerts-consumers-of-dec-1-electric-price-changes>

Waste

Daily Courier: Connellsville Township might have lowest garbage delinquency rate around

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/connellsville-township-might-have-lowest-garbage-delinquency-rate-around/article_30c93282-f7c8-4504-8557-0cb623ab3b9d.html

Water

Tribune-Review: Concerns bubble up over transfer of Pittsburgh's water, sewer assets to utility

<https://triblive.com/local/concerns-bubble-up-over-transfer-of-pittsburghs-water-sewer-assets-to-utility/>

Tribune-Review: Tarentum lands \$200,000 federal grant for water plant upgrades

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/tarentum-lands-200000-federal-grant-for-water-plant-upgrades/>

Lancaster Online: Adamstown Borough to increase property taxes and sewer and water rates next year
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/adamstown-borough-to-increase-property-taxes-and-sewer-and-water-rates-next-year/article_f1d05041-f961-47a0-a96c-c2d6c7b5b5e5.html

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<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/11/e-bike-batteries-are-causing-fires-that-have-already-destroyed-734500-in-property.html>

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https://www.indianagazette.com/local_news/plans-are-on-display-online-for-blacklick-township-bridge-project/article_fb5d3bfe-757b-4fd7-ac00-eedc79c920f1.html

LehighValley Live: PennDOT projects to restrict traffic on Rt. 33, other Northampton Co. roads ahead of holiday
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/traffic/2025/11/pennDOT-projects-to-restrict-traffic-on-rt-33-other-northampton-co-roads-ahead-of-holiday.html>

Centre Daily Times: 15 PA counties in cancer cluster linked to agriculture; Researchers say more study needed
<https://www.centredaily.com/news/state/pennsylvania/article313007036.html>