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## Top DEP Stories

Allegheny Front: Companies agree to \$3.3M settlement with DEP over oil pollution in Allegheny River  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pittsburgh-energy-transfer-atlantic-richfield-allegheny-river-oil/>

## Mentions

WJAC: DEP report: Asbestos contamination triples in Brockway water supply  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/dep-report-asbestos-contamination-triples-brockway-water-supply-jefferson-county>

Lehighvalleynews: First-of-its-kind \$300M regional wastewater plan under state review  
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/first-of-its-kind-300m-regional-wastewater-plan-under-state-review>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Half-mill tax hike for Lycoming County likely; landfill financials discussed  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/11/half-mill-tax-hike-for-lycoming-county-likely/>

## Air

Tribune-Review: Gas odor causes evacuation at Murrys ville shopping plaza  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/gas-odor-causes-evacuation-at-murrysville-shopping-plaza/>

WPXI: 6 people hospitalized after firefighters are called for smell of gas at local Chipotle  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/6-people-hospitalized-after-firefighters-are-called-smell-gas-local-chipotle/P2BWWF26W5A2JHCI3V7KJV6ROA/>

## Conservation and Recreation

Herald-Standard: National Tunnel on Montour Trail closed due to deteriorating ceiling  
[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/2025/nov/25/national-tunnel-on-montour-trail-closed-due-to-deteriorating-ceiling/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2025/nov/25/national-tunnel-on-montour-trail-closed-due-to-deteriorating-ceiling/)

Allegheny Front: These century-old apple trees could have rare genes to fight off new threats  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/lake-michigan-apple-trees-varieties-threats/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Editorial: Natural playgrounds are a worthy investment in children and the environment

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/11/26/pps-public-school-natural-playground-environment-education/stories/202511260002>

GoErie: Endangered species found in creek. What it is, what happened to it?

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/11/25/axolotl-found-erie-pa-waterway-walnut-creek-detrimental-to-environment/87464066007/>

Centre Daily Times: Most commonly seen birds in Pennsylvania

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/article313148471.html>

Sunbury Daily Item: Montour Area Recreation Commission approves 2026 spending plan

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/montour-area-recreation-commission-approves-2026-spending-plan/article\\_e1afce9e-0c78-4b77-af4a-379a51c9855a.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/montour-area-recreation-commission-approves-2026-spending-plan/article_e1afce9e-0c78-4b77-af4a-379a51c9855a.html)

## Data Centers

Tribune-Review: Springdale data center developers hopeful ahead of vote, close on property with Charah

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/data-center-developers-hopeful-ahead-of-vote-close-on-property-with-charah/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Natural gas power plant for AI data center campus clears major regulatory hurdle in Pennsylvania

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/11/25/homer-city-redevelopment-natural-gas-plant.html>

Scranton Times: Chris Kelly Opinion: An Archbald Native in Data Center Alley

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/11/23/chris-kelly-opinion-an-archbald-native-in-data-center-alley/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Talen rezoning hearing moving to January; county seeks location for expected crowd

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/talen-rezoning-hearing-moving-to-january-county-seeks-location-for-expected-crowd/article\\_92d67f2c-c0c1-4a41-acd8-b90f3f9cc59f.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/talen-rezoning-hearing-moving-to-january-county-seeks-location-for-expected-crowd/article_92d67f2c-c0c1-4a41-acd8-b90f3f9cc59f.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Data center builders must answer questions on environmental impact

[https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/data-center-builders-must-answer-questions-on-environmental-impact/article\\_3e3281d3-3a0c-4780-abcc-6d660b785c03.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/data-center-builders-must-answer-questions-on-environmental-impact/article_3e3281d3-3a0c-4780-abcc-6d660b785c03.html)

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Talen rezoning hearing postponed

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/112625/page/1/story/talen-rezoning-hearing-postponed>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Two townships, two approaches to data centers (Opinion)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/112525/page/6/story/two-townships-two-approaches-to-data-centers>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Data centers have positives as well (Opinion)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/112525/page/6/story/data-centers-have-positives-as-well>

## **Drought**

Renovo Record: City of Lock Haven Under "Stage 2 Drought Condition"  
<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/131740>

Lock Haven Express: City declares Stage 2 drought watch  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/11/city-declares-stage-two-drought-watch/>

## **Energy**

Tribune-Review: Eco-conscious resident finds 'off-the-grid' solar success in Aspinwall  
<https://triblive.com/local/fox-chapel/eco-conscious-resident-finds-off-the-grid-solar-success-in-aspinwall/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: SEPTA won \$43 million for diesel-electric hybrid buses from the Trump administration  
<https://www.inquirer.com/transportation/septa-trump-federal-grant-low-emission-buses-20251125.html?query=Energy>

Billy Penn: Vicinity Energy steam plant safety conditions spur OSHA complaint  
<https://billypenn.com/2025/11/25/vicinity-energy-ibew-614-osh-hazards/>

Philly Burbs: Electricity rates going up next month in Bucks County, here's how much  
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/11/25/heres-how-much-electricity-is-going-up-next-month-in-bucks-county/87448763007/>

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[https://levittownnow.com/2025/11/25/peco-electric-rates-increasing-next-month/#google\\_vignette](https://levittownnow.com/2025/11/25/peco-electric-rates-increasing-next-month/#google_vignette)

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Central Penn Business Journal: Electricity rates to rise for many Dec. 1  
<https://www.cpbj.com/electricity-rates-to-rise-for-many-dec-1/>

Altoona Mirror: Penelec rates set to increase in December  
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/11/penelec-rates-set-to-increase-in-december/>

WTAJ: Expect to pay more as natural gas rates increase across Pennsylvania

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/expect-to-pay-more-as-natural-gas-rates-increase-across-pennsylvania/>

WFMZ: UGI announces purchased gas cost rate price increases

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## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

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## **Mining**

Patch.com: Blasting Activities Scheduled Today At Central Bucks Quarry

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## **Oil and Gas**

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## **PFAS**

Philly Burbs: EPA just approved new 'forever chemical' pesticides for use on food

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## **Radiation Protection**

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## **Water**

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<https://www.inquirer.com/life/outdoors/relections-through-art-residency-20251126.html>

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[https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/harrisburg-s-sewage-solution-fails-to-stop-overflows-or-protect-susquehanna-commentary/article\\_45e6c257-241a-4a11-b709-587fb4eb10e5.html](https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/harrisburg-s-sewage-solution-fails-to-stop-overflows-or-protect-susquehanna-commentary/article_45e6c257-241a-4a11-b709-587fb4eb10e5.html)

Huntingdon Daily News: Broad Top City sewer rates to increase  
[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/broad-top-city-sewer-rates-to-increase/article\\_c3065ed8-648b-41bb-9d42-857471a6e1d7.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/broad-top-city-sewer-rates-to-increase/article_c3065ed8-648b-41bb-9d42-857471a6e1d7.html)

FOX43: Capital Region Water customers can expect 'modest' monthly rate increase next year  
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## **Miscellaneous**

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/scranton-lackawanna-county-issue-code-blue-alert-for-thanksgiving-amid-dangerous-cold>

WBRE: Famous resort, The Woodlands, deemed 'unsafe for occupancy' by Plains Township  
<https://www.2822news.com/news/famous-resort-the-woodlands-deemed-unsafe-for-occupancy/>

Times Leader: Power restored but The Woodlands Inn & Resort remains closed; guests relocated  
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1725378/power-shut-off-the-woodlands-inn-guests-relocated>

WFMZ: Van plunges into Little Lehigh Creek in downtown Allentown  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/allentown-area/van-plunges-into-little-lehigh-creek-in-downtown-allentown/article\\_e7953096-2ed6-4b8c-8861-82b19ab21e72.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/allentown-area/van-plunges-into-little-lehigh-creek-in-downtown-allentown/article_e7953096-2ed6-4b8c-8861-82b19ab21e72.html)

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<https://whyy.org/episodes/lower-merion-ban-gas-powered-leaf-blowers/>