

Some clips may be behind a paywall. If you need access to these clips, email me at djagiela@pa.gov.

Top DEP Stories

Sharon Herald: Residents ask DEP to deny permit for landfill near Grove City

https://www.sharonherald.com/news/local_news/residents-ask-dep-to-deny-permit-for-landfill-near-grove/article_ff65a0b5-10f6-577c-8bb7-74b8b582f1fc.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Applications are now open for the 2020 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/applications-are-now-open-for-the-governor-s-awards-for/article_96bc7a74-f037-11e9-b996-e722400c4b65.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Work begins to create wetland at Lewisburg's Eichhorn school

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/work-begins-to-create-wetland-at-lewisburg-s-eichhorn-school/article_95667342-701c-584e-a22d-f14658741a4d.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Hopefully, DEP's recent tour of run will support a fix (Editorial)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/editorials/2019/10/hopefully-deps-recent-tour-of-run-will-support-a-fix/>

Mentions

Scranton Times: Zoning hearing board dismisses zoning violations against Simpson Stone Quarry

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/zoning-hearing-board-dismisses-zoning-violations-against-simpson-stone-quarry-1.2547109>

Pittsburgh Business Times: ArcelorMittal Monessen plant manager updates community on consent decree improvements

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/10/18/arcelormittal-monessen-plant-manager-updates.html>

Allegheny Front: What You Need to Know About PA GOP's Pro-Gas Bills

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-pa-gops-pro-gas-bills/>

Post-Gazette: Strong opposition voiced to Grove City landfill proposal

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2019/10/17/Strong-opposition-to-reopening-Grove-City-landfill/stories/201910170204>

Sunbury Daily Item: CCS moving to Milton Industrial Park, adding 36 jobs

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/ccs-moving-to-milton-industrial-park-adding-jobs/article_f84216df-0422-5d7f-8b2c-e7ec745bd1a3.html

Restore Pennsylvania

Tribune-Democrat: Groups vent concerns about RestorePa plan

https://www.tribdem.com/news/groups-vent-concerns-about-restorepa-plan/article_a643f872-f155-11e9-b45a-c7f0f015879b.html

Climate Change

Philadelphia Inquirer: The world's on fire from climate change. Pa. lawmakers want to make it a lot harder to protest | Will Bunch

<https://www.inquirer.com/columnists/attytood/pennsylvania-bill-pipeline-protests-felony-free-speech-20191017.html>

Carlisle Sentinel: Forum at Dickinson College points to local actions that could battle climate change

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/communities/carlisle/forum-at-dickinson-college-points-to-local-actions-that-could/article_39364a2e-dacb-550d-9341-834daf6726f8.html

Post-Gazette: Fed warns of financial risks from climate change

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/10/18/fed-warns-of-financial-risks-from-climate-change.html>

Conservation & Recreation

Philadelphia Inquirer: Take a tour through the Delaware Water Gap, the crown jewel that nearly disappeared

<https://www.inquirer.com/science/climate/river-watershed-delaware-watergap-20191017.html>

Times Leader: Mike Dziak retiring as Earth Conservancy head

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/759109/mike-dziak-retiring-as-earth-conservancy-head>

WICU-TV: Waves Pound Presque Isle

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/41197630/waves-pound-presque-isle>

Beaver County Times: Beaver County Farmland Preservation program open

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20191017/beaver-county-farmland-preservation-program-open>

Tribune-Review: Reward increased for info on fatal shooting of bald eagle in Westmoreland

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/reward-for-info-on-fatal-shooting-of-bald-eagle-in-westmoreland-county-upped-to-1k/>

Post-Gazette: We need to protect people, birds from pesticides

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2019/10/18/We-need-to-protect-people-birds-from-pesticides/stories/201910160136>

Daily American: Plan to combat deer disease involves the help of hunters

https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/plan-to-combat-deer-disease-involves-the-help-of-hunters/article_b84dc518-ded7-55a6-9dfb-210489ba6211.html

Herald-Standard: First frosts nearing, promising winter weather

https://www.heraldstandard.com/sports/outdoors/first-frosts-nearing-promising-winter-weather/article_8d63a73c-f081-11e9-963b-e7e17b9b099f.html

Pittsburgh City Paper: Bike Pittsburgh counted 123 vehicles parked in city bike lanes yesterday

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/bike-pittsburgh-counted-123-vehicles-parked-in-city-bike-lanes-yesterday/Content?oid=16019831>

Energy

Lansdale Reporter: North Penn plans ribbon cutting for propane bus station on Oct. 22

https://www.thereporteronline.com/news/north-penn-plans-ribbon-cutting-for-propane-bus-station-on/article_3dab5fa8-f05b-11e9-bd26-0b7db59180e8.html

Pennlive: Agreement would transfer control of TMI unit where historic partial meltdown occurred

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2019/10/agreement-would-transfer-control-of-tmi-unit-where-historic-partial-meltdown-occurred.html>

Pennlive: Expanding Pennsylvania's clean energy options

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2019/10/expanding-pennsylvanias-clean-energy-options-opinion.html>

York Dispatch: Transource reaches settlement agreement in power line project

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2019/10/17/transource-reaches-settlement-agreement-power-line-project/4013682002/>

FOX43: Ford announces launch of largest electric vehicle charging network in the US

<https://fox43.com/2019/10/18/ford-announces-launch-of-largest-electric-vehicle-charging-network-in-the-us/>

WTAE: Greening the grid: Is renewable energy right for your home?

<https://www.wtae.com/article/greening-the-grid-is-renewable-energy-right-for-your-home/29504022>

Tribune-Review: Energy Secretary Rick Perry tells Trump he plans to leave post soon

<https://triblive.com/news/politics-election/energy-secretary-rick-perry-tells-trump-he-plans-to-leave-post-soon/>

Post-Gazette: FirstEnergy subsidiary, which operates plants in Pennsylvania, wins bankruptcy plan approval

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2019/10/17/FirstEnergy-subsi-dary-wins-bankruptcy-plan-approval/stories/201910170139>

Environmental Health News: Op-ed: Natural gas vs. renewable energy — beware the latest gas industry talking points

<https://www.ehn.org/natural-gas-vs-renewables-2640991454.html>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Thermal heat exhaust recovery system at county manor/jail mothballed

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/heating-system-at-county-manor-jail-mothballed/>

Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields

Sunbury Daily Item: New Shamokin revitalization office opening, will host ribbon-cutting

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/new-revitalization-office-opening-will-host-ribbon-cutting/article_3748f462-48f8-56d8-80ed-9759e54e2bbc.html

Oil and Gas

Chester County Daily Local: Pipeline demonstrators picket Gov. Wolf's Capitol office
https://www.dailylocal.com/news/local/pipeline-demonstrators-picket-gov-wolf-s-capitol-office/article_022396bc-f114-11e9-9e8f-ef2e2612553f.html

Republican Herald: Williams compressor station project to have \$100M impact, report says
<https://www.republicanherald.com/news/williams-compressor-station-project-to-have-100m-impact-report-says-1.2547257>

Pittsburgh Business Times: As first 100 days near, here's where the transformation of EQT stands
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/10/18/as-first-100-days-near-heres-where-eqt-stands.html>

StateImpact PA: Report: ExxonMobil scouting property for 2nd cracker in Beaver County
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2019/10/17/report-exxonmobil-scouting-property-for-2nd-cracker-in-beaver-county/>

Post-Gazette: Save the Earth, stop fracking
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2019/10/18/Save-the-Earth-stop-fracking/stories/201910180051>

StateImpact PA: New federal pipeline safety rules draw praise from industry, scorn from critics
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2019/10/17/new-federal-pipeline-safety-rules-draw-praise-from-industry-rejection-from-critics/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Chesapeake Energy Corp. appeals property assessment
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/chesapeake-leprino-appeal-assessments/>

PFAS

Philadelphia Inquirer: Camden County town discovers water contamination, putting to use a state limit for PFAS
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pfna-camden-county-new-jersey-standard-bellmawr-pfas-contamination-water-20191017.html>

Vector Management

Pennlive: Where will the spotted lanternfly strike next?
<https://www.pennlive.com/life/2019/10/where-will-the-spotted-lanternfly-strike-next.html>

Tribune-Review: Raccoon in Bethel Park is 25th rabid animal in Allegheny County this year
<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-allegheny/raccoon-found-in-bethel-park-is-25th-rabid-animal-in-allegheny-county-this-year/>

Waste

Morning Call: Paul Muschick: This first-in-the nation program recycles plastic grocery bags and bubble wrap. It may come soon to Allentown.

<https://www.mcall.com/opinion/mc-opi-flexible-plastic-package-recycling-muschick-20191018-vq2twr4xknby7ldatznqfauaou-story.html>

Tribune-Review: Lower Burrell limits yard waste disposal to weekends during City Hall project

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/lower-burrell-limits-yard-waste-disposal-to-weekends-during-city-hall-project/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Steel container manufacturer to bring in jobs

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2019/10/steel-container-manufacturer-to-bring-in-jobs/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Susquehanna County discusses recycling events

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/susq-county-discusses-personnel-changes/>

Water

Pottstown Mercury: New standards will require additional water treatment

https://www.pottsmmerc.com/news/new-standards-will-require-additional-water-treatment/article_1ec54a9c-f112-11e9-9392-43b533008739.html

Bucks County Courier Times: Water treatment work starts Friday in Yardley

<https://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/20191017/water-treatment-work-starts-friday-in-yardley>

Scranton Times: Scranton Sewer Authority solicitor negotiating extension of confidential easement deadline

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/scranton-sewer-authority-solicitor-negotiating-extension-of-confidential-easement-deadline-1.2547092>

FOX43: City of York will offer one-time amnesty for unpaid sewer bills

<https://fox43.com/2019/10/18/city-of-york-will-offer-one-time-amnesty-for-unpaid-sewer-bills/>

Corry Journal: Water project phase one in finalizing stage

http://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_8709e260-f109-11e9-84d0-1fdc27ade135.html

WJET-TV: If approved, project could install water wells at old GAF site

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/if-approved-project-could-install-water-wells-at-old-gaf-site/>

Butler Eagle: Flooding seminars offer residents chance to prepare

<http://www.butlereagle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20191018/EDITORIAL01/710189913>

KDKA: PWSA Accepting Grant Applications For Residents Struggling To Pay Water, Sewer Bills

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2019/10/17/pittsburgh-water-and-sewer-authority-cash-assistance-program/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Upper Augusta receives grant, loan to install sewer system

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/upper-augusta-receives-grant-loan-to-install-sewer-system/article_ffd6f7ee-faf2-56f9-9abd-6f499143872c.html

Shamokin News-Item: Upper Augusta receives \$3 million state grant for sewer system

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/upper-augusta-receives-million-state-grant-for-sewer-system/article_cdaa8ae7-fa76-5637-8d5a-0527c68ddc24.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Street repairs push Lewisburg budget up 11 percent; Grants for Bull Run flood mitigation project increase revenue

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/street-repairs-push-lewisburg-budget-up-percent-grants-increase-revenue/article_c5367268-f0fc-11e9-8469-2bd4722ac1d4.html

Miscellaneous

Tribune-Review: Demolition of Belvedere Hotel in Oklahoma Borough cost 40% less than expected

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/demolition-of-belvedere-hotel-in-oklahoma-borough-cost-40-less-than-expected/>

Post-Gazette: Ohio planners looking at a 30-year timeline for hyperloop project between Pittsburgh and Chicago

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2019/10/17/Pittsburgh-Chicago-Columbus-hyperloop-low-pressure-tubes-high-speed-travel/stories/201910160190>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: U.S. Rep. Keller visits GTP plant

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/u-s-rep-keller-visits-gtp-plant/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Wrongful death lawsuit filed against Geisinger following infant death; hospital says no new cases

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/wrongful-death-lawsuit-filed-against-geisinger-following-infant-death-hospital/article_fe8e8250-f109-11e9-a3b8-c77ef0d9a207.html