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## Top DEP Stories

The Derrick: Plugging a problem

[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/plugging-a-problem/article\\_18e1b898-9227-11ef-b366-dbf8e0eb461e.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/plugging-a-problem/article_18e1b898-9227-11ef-b366-dbf8e0eb461e.html)

Pa Environment Digest Blog: DEP Plugs Conventional Gas Well Orphaned By The Well Owner That Contaminated A Clarion County Family's Drinking Water Well

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/10/dep-plugs-conventional-gas-well.html>

## Mentions

Bradford Era: Bradford Water Authority to get \$660,000 grant for project

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/bradford-water-authority-to-get-660-000-grant-for-project/article\\_3931eeb4-924b-11ef-80f1-d37f36746cf1.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/bradford-water-authority-to-get-660-000-grant-for-project/article_3931eeb4-924b-11ef-80f1-d37f36746cf1.html)

The Reporter: Perkasie Regional Authority water quality concerns persist in East Rockhill

<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2024/10/24/prawater-quality-concerns-persist-in-east-rockhill-following-testing/>

WESA: Pretty much everywhere, it's gonna be wet: Pittsburgh-area planners prep for climate future

<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2024-10-25/pittsburgh-landslides-flooding-insurance>

PBS News Hour: States work to track down and cap dangerous methane leaks from abandoned oil and gas wells

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/states-work-to-track-down-and-cap-dangerous-methane-leaks-from-abandoned-oil-and-gas-wells>

PA Environment Digest US Dept. Of Interior Announces Approval Of Another \$244 Million In Funding To Pennsylvania For Cleaning Up Legacy Pollution From Abandoned Mine Lands; Local Mine Reclamation Grants Due To DEP Nov. 8

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/10/us-dept-of-interior-announces-approval.html>

PBS News: States work to track down and cap dangerous methane leaks from abandoned oil and gas wells

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/states-work-to-track-down-and-cap-dangerous-methane-leaks-from-abandoned-oil-and-gas-wells>

## **East Palestine Train Derailment**

Post-Gazette: Editorial: Lessons from East Palestine have yet to be made law. That must change  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2024/10/25/east-palestine-deluzio-railroad-safety-enhancement-act-norfolk-southern/stories/202410150020>

Allegheny Front: New studies shed light on the contamination and response to East Palestine derailment  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/new-studies-contamination-communication-east-palestine-derailment/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Daily Local: Get physical activity while taking in the natural beauty by hitting regional trails  
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2024/10/25/embrace-the-opportunity-to-get-physical-activity-while-taking-in-the-natural-beauty-of-our-surroundings-this-month-by-hitting-the-trails-in-our-region/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Through the Water Gap | Outdoorsy Newsletter and peak fall foliage colors  
<https://www.inquirer.com/life/outdoors/delaware-water-gap-national-recreational-area-tour-pennsylvania-fall-foliage-update-20241025.html>

Newtown Now: Newtown Secures Nearly \$1 Million Grant For Pedestrian Bridge  
<http://newtownpanow.com/2024/10/24/newtown-secures-nearly-1-million-grant-for-pedestrian-bridge/>

Reading Eagle: Get physical activity while taking in the natural beauty by hitting regional trails  
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/10/25/embrace-the-opportunity-to-get-physical-activity-while-taking-in-the-natural-beauty-of-our-surroundings-this-month-by-hitting-the-trails-in-our-region/>

## **Drought**

Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Township grappling with fire dangers during dry conditions  
[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-township-grappling-with-fire-dangers-during-dry-conditions/article\\_a45acbe2-9189-11ef-8fab-ff97bc97a78b.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-township-grappling-with-fire-dangers-during-dry-conditions/article_a45acbe2-9189-11ef-8fab-ff97bc97a78b.html)

## **Energy**

Post-Gazette: Data shows Pa. lags behind other states in renewable energy growth in last decade  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2024/10/25/pennsylvania-renewable-energy-growth/stories/202410240127>

WESA: Nobody is using \$2.6B in Pa. tax credits. Gov. Shapiro wants rewrite to boost electricity production  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-10-24/pennsylvania-tax-credits-electricity-production>

Central Penn Business Journal: Pa. awarded over \$1.7M for residential energy workforce  
<https://www.cpbj.com/pa-awarded-over-1-7m-for-residential-energy-workforce/>

## **Mining**

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania to get \$244M more for abandoned mine land cleanup  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/10/24/pennsylvania-abandoned-mine-land-cleanup.html>

## **Oil and Gas**

Wall Street Journal: Fracking Isn't as Popular (or Important) in Pennsylvania as You Think  
[https://www.wsj.com/politics/elections/fracking-isnt-as-popular-or-important-in-pennsylvania-as-you-think-765787fd?mod=Searchresults\\_pos1&page=1](https://www.wsj.com/politics/elections/fracking-isnt-as-popular-or-important-in-pennsylvania-as-you-think-765787fd?mod=Searchresults_pos1&page=1)

## **Waste**

KDKA: Giant Eagle paper bag fees growing Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy initiatives  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/giant-eagle-paper-bag-fees-update/>

Sayre Morning-Times: Sen. Yaw encourages participation in National Drug Takeback Day  
[https://www.morning-times.com/news/article\\_423a4462-916e-11ef-a90b-b70b72569684.html?utm\\_source=morning-times.com&utm\\_campaign=%2Fnewsletters%2Fheadlines%2F%3F-dc%3D1729850441&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=headline](https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_423a4462-916e-11ef-a90b-b70b72569684.html?utm_source=morning-times.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletters%2Fheadlines%2F%3F-dc%3D1729850441&utm_medium=email&utm_content=headline)

## **Water**

Delco Today: Aqua Pennsylvania Getting the Lead Out in West Chester, Across Commonwealth  
<https://delco.today/2024/10/aqua-pennsylvania-lead-west-chester/>

Environmental Health News: Op-ed: Wetland protections remain bogged down in mystery  
<https://www.ehn.org/us-wetland-protection-2669457386.html>

Republican Herald: Schuylkill Haven issues voluntary water conservation notice  
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2024/10/24/schuylkill-haven-issues-voluntary-water-conservation-notice/>

Altoona Mirror: AWA awaits OK on spillway fix  
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/10/AWA-awaits-ok-on-spillway-fix/>

WFMZ: Pa American Water customers in several townships asked to limit water usage  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/eastern-berks-county/pa-american-water-customers-in-several-townships-asked-to-limit-water-usage/article\\_db4f8cb8-9211-11ef-b6f2-bb6991e224e4.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/eastern-berks-county/pa-american-water-customers-in-several-townships-asked-to-limit-water-usage/article_db4f8cb8-9211-11ef-b6f2-bb6991e224e4.html)

Centre Daily Times: Why your sewer bill may be going up amid UAJA's rate dispute with State College borough

[https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article294348394.html#campaignName=statecollege\\_morning\\_newsletter](https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article294348394.html#campaignName=statecollege_morning_newsletter)

## **Miscellaneous**

Lancaster Farming: USDA and Partners Invest \$2.5 Billion in Climate Projects for Ag Across the U.S.  
[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/usda-and-partners-invest-2-5-billion-in-climate-projects-for-ag-across-the-u/article\\_7722642a-9178-11ef-b7d0-8f3df4aeb85d.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/usda-and-partners-invest-2-5-billion-in-climate-projects-for-ag-across-the-u/article_7722642a-9178-11ef-b7d0-8f3df4aeb85d.html)

York Daily Record: New Oxford High School sprouts new student opportunities with Colonial Greenhouse  
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2024/10/25/adams-county-new-oxford-conewago-valley-school-district-adds-colonial-greenhouse-for-students/75824166007/>

FOX43: Lebanon County Commissioners issue 30-day ban on open burning due to dry conditions, potential for wildfires  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/lebanon-county-burn-ban-dry-weather-fire-safety/521-42756f54-6858-4dd6-bdd1-00595f5bf513>

WFMZ: Firefighters quickly put out brush fires in Oley amid dry conditions  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/firefighters-quickly-put-out-brush-fires-in-oley-amid-dry-conditions/article\\_4814cfc0-928f-11ef-b9d5-c3ade4c207e5.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/firefighters-quickly-put-out-brush-fires-in-oley-amid-dry-conditions/article_4814cfc0-928f-11ef-b9d5-c3ade4c207e5.html)