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Top DEP Stories

MSN.Com: Urgent Action: Pennsylvania DEP Tackles Dangerous Orphan Wells, Secures Major Funding Boost!

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/urgent-action-pennsylvania-dep-tackles-dangerous-orphan-wells-secures-major-funding-boost/>

Mentions

LehighValleyNews.com: Residents want to derail Keystone Cement's plans for train transport of hazardous waste

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/transportation-news/speakers-want-to-derail-cement-companys-plans-for-train-transport-as-reassurances-made>

WFMZ: Cement company considering by using rail cars to transport hazardous material in Northampton County

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/bethlehem-area/cement-company-considering-by-using-rail-cars-to-transport-hazardous-material-in-northampton-county/article_af130f66-958c-11ef-ada1-db23235d2608.html

PA Environment Digest Blog: DEP Discovers Wastewater Release At Bear Lake Properties Oil & Gas Wastewater Injection Well In Warren County During Routine Inspection

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/10/dep-discovers-wastewater-release-at.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: \$1.3M grant to address affordable housing needs in Lycoming County

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/10/1-3m-grant-to-address-affordable-housing-needs-in-lycoming-county/>

Climate Change

Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly just set one weather record, and three more could fall this week

<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/philadelphia-weather-dry-halloween-forecast-20241029.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Erie Times: Erie Bluffs State Park joins Old-Growth Forest Network. What it means for the park

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/10/29/erie-bluffs-pa-state-park-joins-old-growth-forest-network/75891931007/?tbref=hp>

WICU-TV: DCNR Celebrates Erie Bluffs State Park's Induction into National Old-Growth Forest Network
<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/51701081/dcnr-celebrates-erie-bluffs-state-parks-induction-into-national-oldgrowth-forest-network>

Lebtown.com: Two farms totaling 99.7 acres added to county's farmland preservation program
<https://lebtown.com/2024/10/29/two-farms-totaling-99-7-acres-added-to-countys-farmland-preservation-program/>

WFMZ: Plans extend Schuylkill River Trail through Reading
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/plans-extend-schuylkill-river-trail-through-reading/article_5c414aa0-9596-11ef-bbeb-436137c1179b.html

Philadelphia Inquirer: 100 Philly parks need your help with fall cleanup
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/love-your-park-fall-weekend-philadelphia-20241029.html>

Drought

Pennlive: This October will be one of the driest ever recorded in central Pa.
<https://www.pennlive.com/outdoors/2024/10/this-october-will-be-one-of-the-driest-ever-recorded-in-central-pa.html>

Lancaster Online: Martic Township woodland fire is latest in a rash of blazes during drought-stricken October
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/martic-township-woodland-fire-is-latest-in-a-rash-of-blazes-during-drought-stricken-october/article_a935ea32-9564-11ef-8789-1fcbf2dc45ec.html

Energy

Bradford Era: Penelec installs new transformer at Bradford substation, part of local efforts to improve service
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/penelec-installs-new-transformer-at-bradford-substation-part-of-local-efforts-to-improve-service/article_4f574544-956c-11ef-80fd-6b5a1f03c87e.html

Lewistown Sentinel: Solar power grant program opens Nov. 1
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2024/10/solar-power-grant-program-opens-nov-1/>

WGAL: Renewable natural gas plant opens in Schuylkill County
<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-schuylkill-county-new-natural-gas-plant/62746870>

Bloomberg: How American Tax Breaks Brought a Chinese Solar Energy Giant to Ohio
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2024-10-29/ira-investment-created-us-jobs-and-tax-breaks-for-chinese-solar-firms?srnd=homepage-americas>

WHYY: How a second Trump presidency could impact offshore wind
<https://whyy.org/articles/offshore-wind-industry-trump-presidency/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

WPXI: Ethylene glycol spills at Pittsburgh International Airport due to rupture in mechanical room

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/ethylene-glycol-spills-pittsburgh-international-airport-due-rupture-mechanical-room/KHDACAX7B5ATVNC3Z2OZPCFCU4/?tbref=hp>

Mining

WTAJ: Sen. Casey announces \$245M for abandoned mine clean up in Pa.

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/regional-news/sen-casey-announces-245m-for-abandoned-mine-clean-up-in-pa/>

Water

WFMZ: Kutztown water customers asked to conserve due to lack of rainfall

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/northern-berks-county/kutztown-water-customers-asked-to-conserve-due-to-lack-of-rainfall/article_536dff6-9544-11ef-a7cd-83f9044b33f8.html

Mon Valley Independent: Aquatorium agreement tabled again

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/10/29/aquatorium-agreement-tabled-again/>

Mon Valley Independent: Pa. American Water completes discharge project in Dravosburg

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/10/29/pa-american-water-completes-discharge-project-in-dravosburg/>

WPXI: Water main break sends streams down Elizabeth house

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/water-main-break-sends-streams-down-elizabeth-house/FOUMBDQXRFCJ7JJ44ETY2A7UA4/?tbref=hp>

Centre Daily Times: Park Forest Middle School students dismissed early after nearby sewer issue

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article294713804.html#campaignName=statecollege_breaking_newsletter

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Then and now: Susquehanna is a landscape flowing with history

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/10/then-and-now-susquehanna-is-a-landscape-flowing-with-history/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State of the Susquehanna: A closer look at our river

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/10/state-of-the-susquehanna-a-closer-look-at-our-river/>

Miscellaneous

CBS21: York County Food Bank's warehouse plans halted by eagle's nest

<https://local21news.com/newsletter-daily/york-county-food-banks-warehouse-plans-halted-by-protected-birds-eagles-nest-on-north-susquehanna-trail-property-community-aid-continues-search-for-new-forever-home#>

WBRE: Two arrested after second attack on mink farm

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/two-arrested-after-second-attack-on-mink-farm/>

Shamokin News-Item: CSVT Southern section continues progress in Snyder County

<https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/csvt-southern-section-continues-progress-in-snyder-county/>