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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Democrat: DEP: Cambria, Somerset among counties under drought watch
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Warren Times: Warren County placed under drought watch
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/10/warren-county-placed-under-drought-watch/>

Sharon Herald: Mercer County among 25 Pa. counties placed under 'drought watch'
https://www.sharonherald.com/news/mercercounty-among-25-pa-counties-placed-under-drought-watch/article_befafe82-01a0-47ac-a752-fc3ae49922ba.html

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Mentions

Inside Climate News: Scientists Find Evidence that a Pennsylvania Town's Water Was Contaminated by Fracking
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/07102025/pennsylvania-town-water-contaminated-by-fracking/>

Allegheny Front: Along the banks of the Mon, fracking waste in a landfill once again poses a pollution problem
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/mon-monongahela-river-landfill-fracking-waste-radium/>

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

Allegheny Front: Fatal Clairton explosion happened during maintenance for cracked valve, investigators say
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/us-steel-clairton-explosion-investigation-cracked-valve/>

Air

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Climate Change

WNEP: Drought watch declared for 4 counties in northeastern and central Pennsylvania
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Conservation and Recreation

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/western-pa-hunters-face-new-rules-as-state-tries-to-manage-chronic-wasting-disease-in-deer/>

WJAC: Students raise awareness over stopping spread of CWD among Pennsylvania deer population
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/students-raise-awareness-over-stopping-spread-of-cwd-among-pennsylvania-deer-population#>

WBRE: Nay Aug Park becomes all the 'buzz' to celebrate honeybees
<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/nay-aug-park-becomes-all-the-buzz-to-celebrate-honeybees/>

Republican Herald: Hawk Mountain Sanctuary hosts free autumn lecture series
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/10/04/hawk-mountain-sanctuary-hosts-free-autumn-lecture-series/>

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WFMZ: Hanover Township planners delay warehouse amendment review
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Drought

Beaver County Radio: A drought watch is declared in twenty-five Pennsylvania counties

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<https://www.yourerie.com/digital-first/digital-exclusive/burning-advisory-put-in-place-in-crawford-county/>

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WHYY: A Penn physicist accidentally created X-rays over 130 years ago. His family is now donating some of the earliest known images

<https://whyy.org/articles/upenn-physicist-x-rays-pennsylvania-donation/>

Waste

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