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## Top DEP Stories

PA County News (Page 24): Working Together for a Sustainable Pennsylvania (Column by Secretary Shirley)

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Penn Capital-Star: The specter of ‘forever chemicals’ looms over Pa.’s rural communities

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## Mentions

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation: Gov. Shapiro Proclamation Marks Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s 40 Years in Pennsylvania

<https://www.cbf.org/news/gov-shapiro-proclamation-marks-chesapeake-bay-foundations-40-years-in-pennsylvania/>

PA Environment Digest: DEP - Day 873: Contaminated Water Still Leaking From Stonehaven Energy Conventional Oil & Gas Well Storage Tank In Clearfield County

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## **Air**

KYW: States and cities sue over Trump's EPA eliminating rule that limits emissions from power plants  
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<https://fox56.com/news/local/trout-restocking-expected-to-start-in-october-across-pennsylvania-lakes-streams-pa-pennsylvania-fish-and-boat-commission-anglers-ice-fishing-fall-winter>

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/10/01/improved-schuylkill-river-water-trail-access-point-opens-in-berks/>

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/kline-twp-supervisors-approve-amazon-data-center-proposal-conditions>

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Levittown Now: PA House Panel Moves Forward Data Center Costs, Utility Profits Proposals  
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## **Vector Management**

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WHYY: Microplastics found in waterways throughout the Philly region; environmentalists call for plastics crackdown  
<https://whyy.org/articles/microplastics-philadelphia-delaware-river-watershed/>

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