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Top DEP Stories

The Beaver County Times: Beaver County plastics plant facing \$2.6M consent decree. Why that matters
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2025/09/04/styropek-potter-township-plant-receives-consent-decree-pollution/85977234007/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Environmental groups, DEP reach \$2.6M settlement with Beaver County plastics manufacturer over water pollution
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2025/09/04/styropek-monaca-plastics-settlement/stories/202509040064>

KDKA: Beaver County plant settles plastic pellet pollution lawsuit for \$2.6 million
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/beaver-county-plant-settles-plastic-pollution-lawsuit/>

WTAE: Multimillion-dollar agreement reached between Beaver County plant and environmental groups
<https://www.wtae.com/article/beaver-county-nurdles-plastic/65985268>

Tribune-Review: Environmentalists hail 'landmark' \$2.6M settlement with Beaver County company over microplastic pollution
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/2-6m-settlement-reached-with-beaver-county-plastics-maker-over-release-of-toxic-sponges-into-water-supply/>

The Morning Times: DEP outlines Eureka penalties
https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_ebe5e474-7bc6-5746-9de6-92990ff9a197.html

Mentions

The Lancaster Patriot: Chester County Family Faces Ongoing Battle with State Over Homestead Improvements
<https://www.thelancasterpatriot.com/chester-county-family-faces-ongoing-battle-with-state-over-homestead-improvements/>

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

Allegheny Front: Before the U.S. Steel explosion, a legacy of cost-cutting and broken promises
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/us-steel-explosion-clairton-coke-works-upgrades-maintenance/>

Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: Map shows how vibrant western Pennsylvania's fall foliage will be this year
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/map-pennsylvania-pittsburgh-fall-foliage-2025/>

WTAE: More trees in Wilksburg slated for removal, residents speak out at meeting
<https://www.wtae.com/article/trees-wilksburg-slated-for-removal-residents-concerned-meeting/65975970>

WESA: Trump administration wants to end Roadless Rule in U.S. forests, including Allegheny National in Pa.
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-09-05/trump-administration-end-roadless-rule-allegheny-national-forest>

Tribune-Review: Yough River cleanup planned from Cedar Creek to West Newton
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/yough-river-saturday-cleanup-from-cedar-creek-to-west-newton/>

Bradford Era: Pick Up Pennsylvania helps keep litter from reaching waterways
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/09/04/pick-pennsylvania-helps-keep-litter-reaching-waterways/>

WNEP: Lycoming County Residents urged to squash pesky spotted lantern flies
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lycoming-county/residents-urged-to-squash-pesky-spotted-lanternflies-to-curb-spread-in-pennsylvania-lycoming-county-bugs-insects-invasive/523-26ea7336-6277-439e-8eec-373bc48a2d16?tbref=hp>

WFMZ: Hot Air Balloon Festival in Slatington
https://www.wfmz.com/news/sunrise/hot-air-balloon-festival-set-for-this-weekend-in-slatington/article_73881da5-796f-4609-9265-74620ad307c6.html/

LehighValleyTimes: PA eyes change in how mentored youth hunters tag big game
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/09/pennsylvania-eyes-change-in-how-mentored-youth-hunters-tag-big-game.html>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: Mainspring Energy's \$174M Pittsburgh factory faces delay due to DOE grant uncertainty
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/09/04/mainspring-energy-plant-delayed-grant.html>

Tribune-Review: Chris DeCardy and Sara Innamorato: Our region's clean technology future — let's get to work
<https://triblive.com/opinion/chris-decardy-and-sara-innamorato-our-regions-clean-technology-future-lets-get-to-work/>

Erie Times: Union Township Supervisors To Vote On Proposed Solar Energy Facility Regulations As Early As Sept. 9

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/09/05/union-township-supervisors-to-vote-on-solar-farm-regulations/85943150007/?tbref=hp>

WHYY: Pennsylvania schools still pursuing solar projects despite federal tax credit rollbacks
<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-schools-solar-projects-continue/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Meadville Tribune: French Creek watershed cleanup set for Saturday

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/french-creek-watershed-cleanup-set-for-saturday/article_2631b3fd-4212-4d7d-aede-ce18765df778.html

Mining

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Top U.S. coal miner Peabody sees booming demand in Trump era

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/09/04/peabody-coal-demand-trump-energy/stories/202509050009>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT Corp. signs new LNG deal with Texas producer

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/09/04/eqt-corp-signs-new-lng-deal-with-texas-producer.html>

Vector Management

WPXI: Person hospitalized with second human case of West Nile virus in Allegheny County this year

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/person-hospitalized-with-second-human-case-west-nile-virus-allegheny-county-this-year/HZ5L2PRKAZBYLC67TPWN2NV4QQ/>

Tribune-Review: Another human West Nile virus case reported in Allegheny County

<https://triblive.com/news/health-now/another-human-west-nile-virus-case-reported-in-allegheny-co/>

Water

Butler Eagle: PA American Water announces wastewater project in Butler Township

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250905/pa-american-water-announces-wastewater-project-in-butler-township/>

The Derrick: Oil City water main break on First Street fixed

https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/oil-city-water-main-break-on-first-street-fixed/article_641d77bc-da55-4299-a16f-c67901ca2a1c.html

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<https://www.mcall.com/2025/09/05/how-much-rain-did-we-get-parts-of-lehigh-valley-see-almost-3-inches-of-rain-from-storm-that-also-delayed-eagles-game/>

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Press-Enterprise: Berwick-area water main work to begin
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/090425/page/3/story/berwick-area-water-main-work-to-begin>

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Times Leader: PPL Foundation awards more than \$113,000 to area non-profits
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1715448/ppl-foundation-awards-more-than-113000-to-area-nonprofits>

Susquehanna Independent: Susquehanna Commissioners distribute AED units for local parks-ballfields
<http://www.susqcoindy.com/PS/2023/11/18/susquehanna-county-commissioners-distribute-aed-units-for-local-parks-ballfields/>