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Top DEP Stories

Allegheny Front: Plastic manufacturer agrees to \$2.6 million settlement for pollution in Ohio River tributary

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Scranton Times: Dunmore asks DEP to station inspector in County

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Investigation into spill in Williamsport continues

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/09/investigation-into-spill-in-williamsport-continues/>

Mentions

WESA: Hazelwood recycling center looks to expand to garbage, worrying residents

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-09-08/hazelwood-recycling-center-garbage>

Penn State News: Sept. 17 webinar addresses PA solar development trends

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Air

Allegheny Front: Coke plant's closure near Pittsburgh led to immediate health benefits, study finds

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Climate Change

Allegheny Front: Climate Fixers: Slowing down 'fast fashion' with natural dyes

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/natural-dyes-fast-fashion-climate-change/>

Conservation and Recreation

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: 'Gear for Deer' seeks to boost the number of 1st-time hunters

<https://triblive.com/sports/gear-for-deer-seeks-to-boost-the-number-of-1st-time-hunters/>

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<https://lebtown.com/2025/09/08/lebanon-valley-rail-trail-municipal-building-receive-construction-funding/>

LehighValleyTimes: Historic Covered Bridge an icon in Lehigh Valley

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Standard Speaker: Chronic Wasting Disease among Deer

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Data Centers

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: The risk and reward of having data centers as utility customers

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/09/08/data-centers-utilities-natural-gas-water-electricity/stories/202509050061>

WNEP: Residents rally against data center zoning in Lackawanna County communities

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/data-center-lackawanna-county-archbald-blakely-jessup-council-votes/523-627d1d15-f8e2-436e-be39-732ec3ee3b26?tbref=hp>

Carlisle Sentinel: AI data center developers to hold outreach meeting Tuesday in Middlesex Township

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/business/article_5155c63b-615b-41b8-9dc3-3473d63fd1.html

FOX56: Blakely Borough residents rally against proposed data center in residential area

<https://fox56.com/news/local/blakely-borough-residents-rally-against-proposed-data-center-in-residential-area>

Delaware Currents: Concerns about water and power demands surface as data centers boom in Delaware River watershed

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 'Nothing easy is worthwhile doing': Many businesses defy the odds. Here are some examples.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/top-workplaces-2025/2025/09/06/form-energy-eqt-pipeline-construction-battery-gas-top-workplaces/stories/202509010002>

Times Observer: Community solar plans stalled in Pennsylvania

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Mining

WNEP: Ceremony Honoring those who died in Mining Accident

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/ceremony-honoring-those-who-died-mining-accident-retuned-scranton-lackawanna-county-avondale-mine-disaster/523-73212411-5bfb-4f05-b5ae-d73bb8f92c26?tbref=hp>

Vector Management

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Waste

Tribune-Review: Volunteers pull around 200 tires from Youghiogheny River to stop chemical leaching

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Philly Voice: Pennsylvania plastics company settles 'nurdles' pollution case for \$2.6 million

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/pennsylvania-plastic-pellets-nurdles-settlement-styropek/>

Bucks County Herald: Pennsylvania Plastics Pollution Settlement Could Set a National Precedent for Control of Pellets

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Water

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: A year after tropical storm Debby moved through Pennsylvania in its diminished state, residents of Potter, Tioga counties are still recovering from floods
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Lancaster Online: Millersville agrees to provide sewer service to proposed homes in Manor Township
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<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-perry-duncannon-discolored-water-maintenance/66011412>

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Penn State News: Invasive flathead catfish now top predators in Susquehanna River
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Miscellaneous

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/09/08/fall-weather-pittsburgh-forecast/stories/202509040096>

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