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Top DEP Stories

WJAC: Elk County gets \$400K for upkeep of acid mine drainage projects in Benezette

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/elk-county-gets-400k-for-upkeep-of-acid-mine-drainage-projects-in-benezette#>

Indiana Gazette: DEP to hold air quality hearing for Homer City Redevelopment Sept. 17 at the KCAC

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/iup_news/dep-to-hold-air-quality-hearing-for-homer-city-redevelopment-sept-17-at-the-kcac/article_af9cc5fb-3452-44cc-a936-86327753cfb3.html

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: DEP Issues Notice of Violation to Eureka Resources

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/dep-issues-notice-of-violation-to-eureka-resources/>

WJAC TV: Elk County gets \$400K for upkeep of acid mine drainage projects in Benezette

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/elk-county-gets-400k-for-upkeep-of-acid-mine-drainage-projects-in-benezette>

Penn Capital Star: Pa. DEP secretary asks U.S. Health and Human Services not to cut mine safety research jobs

<https://penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/pa-dep-secretary-asks-u-s-health-and-human-services-not-to-cut-mine-safety-research-jobs/>

Yahoo! News: Pa. DEP secretary asks U.S. Health and Human Services not to cut mine safety research jobs

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/pa-dep-secretary-asks-u-094909807.html>

Mentions

NBC10: DEP Upper Makefield Virtual Town Hall

<https://iqmediacorp.com/ExternalIframeMedia?mediaID=df013145-2b9a-43ae-8742-2ff5971320a5&isRM=false&rawMediaType=TV>

CBS3: DEP Upper Makefield Virtual Town Hall

<https://iqmediacorp.com/ExternalIframeMedia?mediaID=32683267-e752-4545-a8bf-89f3d2acee0a&isRM=false&rawMediaType=TV>

KDKA: Despite recent DEP water advisory, many Industry Borough residents say they were not notified

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/dep-water-advisory-manganese-industry-borough/>

Bay Journal: Acid mine drainage cleanup a worthy goal, but will it help the Chesapeake Bay?

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Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Major Leak Repaired in Laceyville Water System

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Gant News: CMA issues drought watch

<https://gantnews.com/2025/09/08/cma-issues-drought-watch/>

Clearfield Progress-News: CMA issues drought watch for its customers

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/cma-issues-drought-watch-for-its-customers/article_6ccbfcca-531c-48db-a17e-6c76d825f092.html

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Review: Greensburg council continues debate on electronic sign near St. Clair Park

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/greensburg-council-continues-debate-on-electronic-sign-near-st-clair-park/>

The Derrick: Volunteers get to work while the weather's still nice in Oil Creek State Park

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WNEP: Dalton celebrates local farms with third annual festival

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PA Environment Digest: Amy Brown Named Executive Director of PA Association of Conservation Districts

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/09/amy-brown-named-executive-director-of.html>

Data Centers

Pennlive: 3 large Dauphin County property owners seek zoning change to allow for a data center

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2025/09/3-large-dauphin-county-property-owners-seek-zoning-change-to-allow-for-a-data-center.html>

WGAL: \$15B Central PA AI data center project promises jobs, raises environmental questions

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-digital-1-project-details/65629251>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: Eaton leads Series B funding round for Las Vegas-based microgrid AI startup

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Times Observer: River CleanUp recycling drive begins

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/community/2025/09/river-cleanup-recycling-drive-begins/>

Meadville Tribune: Annual French Creek cleanup a success

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Mining

Republican Herald: Project to fix abandoned Schuylkill mine lands and stream advances

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Oil and Gas

Pa Environmental Digest: Environmental Quality Board Adjourns Without Discussing Or Acting On Any Of 3 Pending Oil & Gas Rulemaking Petitions

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/09/environmental-quality-board-adjourns.html>

PFAS

WHYY: Horsham Township has big plans to redevelop former Willow Grove Naval base

<https://whyy.org/articles/horsham-township-willow-grove-naval-base-redevelopment-pennsylvania/>

Vector Management

WTAE: Spraying scheduled in 9 Pittsburgh neighborhoods after second human case of West Nile virus reported

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-neighborhoods-spraying-second-human-case-west-nile-virus/66016535>

Tribune-Review: Allegheny County to spray 9 neighborhoods for West Nile Virus

<https://triblive.com/local/allegheny-county-to-spray-9-neighborhoods-for-west-nile-virus/>

KDKA: Pittsburgh wildlife center sees uptick in birds showing signs of West Nile virus

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Waste

Daily Courier: E-waste recycling project set in South Connellsville
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Water

Lebtown: More than 1.1 million gallons of water used to fight Weaber Lumber fire
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FOX43: Dramatic overnight fire at Weaber Lumber in Lebanon under control
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/lebanon-county/overnight-fire-breaks-out-at-lumber-manufacturing-company-lebanon-county/521-63a21c58-feb1-4af3-8af5-2fbf83fedb0c>

WGal: 'It got ahead of us': More than 1 million gallons of water used to fight Lebanon County sawmill fire, chief says
<https://www.wgal.com/article/sawmill-catches-fire-lebanon-county-on-monday-night/66018716>

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<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/veolia-officials-host-community-meeting-after-weeks-of-discolored-water/>

Bucks County Today: River Otters Seen in Bucks County Lake. Here's Why This is a Good Thing
<https://bucksco.today/2025/09/river-otters-manor-lake-falls-township/>

FOX56: Wilkes-Barre residents await end to Horton Street sinkhole
<https://fox56.com/news/local/wilkes-barre-residents-await-end-to-horton-street-sinkhole-repairs>

Citizen's Voice: Utility companies begin work at Wilkes-Barre sinkhole sites
<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/09/08/utility-companies-begin-work-at-wilkes-barre-sinkhole-sites/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/education/tiger-woods-tgr-learning-lab-cobbs-creek-20250908.html>

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<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/09/08/hazleton-city-council-to-weigh-flock-system-upgrades/>

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