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Top DEP Stories

WESA: Pa. DEP secretary asks U.S. Health and Human Services not to cut mine safety research jobs
<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2025-09-10/pennsylvania-dep-trump-federal-mine-safety-job-cuts-allegheny-county-facility>

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<https://www.publicsource.org/pennsylvania-plastics-pollution-settlement-could-set-a-national-precedent-for-control-of-pellets/>

Mentions

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/officials-broken-wastewater-pipe-lands-local-river-dep-contacted-assess-cleanup-johntown-gautier-steel-cleaning-pennsylvania-#>

Inside Climate News: Two Pennsylvania Towns Seek Public Funding for Water Systems Amid Claims That Gas Industry Contaminated Wells
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/09092025/pennsylvania-gas-contaminated-wells/>

Upper Makefield Pipeline

Fox29: DEP Virtual Town hall
<https://iqmediacorp.com/ExternalIframeMedia?mediaID=576a53a6-c56f-4f1f-8f7a-f5e61760dbe7&isRM=false&rawMediaType=TV>

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<https://iqmediacorp.com/ExternalIframeMedia?mediaID=cbedfc5d-8f9a-4694-921d-4708457271fa&isRM=false&rawMediaType=TV>

Air

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/09/09/alleggheny-county-council-air-quality-program-permitting-funding-paul-klein/stories/202509100005>

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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/state/pennsylvania/article312021978.html?tbref=hp>

Centre Daily Times: Commentary: What wildfires do to our bodies when the smoke settles

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/us-viewpoints/article312047354.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Stephanie Wein and Christopher Borgatti: Save our old growth forests from the Trump administration

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WPXI: Often fatal viral disease detected in area wild deer. Here's how you can help the game commission

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Standard Speaker: Hiking may be autumn's best fringe benefit

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/09/10/hiking-may-be-autumns-best-fringe-benefit/>

WNEP: Forty Fort steps into history with the 2nd annual cemetery run/walk

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<https://local21news.com/news/local/a-new-data-center-might-be-build-in-cumberland-county-and-its-700-acres-ai-carlisle-artificial-intelligence-pennsylvania-data-center-partners-powerhouse-pa#>

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

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/clifton-township-continues-data-center-zoning-challenge>

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