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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Review: DEP gives preliminary nod to \$10B Homer City plant, environmental group sounds alarm

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/dep-gives-preliminary-nod-to-homer-city-plant-but-environmental-group-sounds-alarm-regarding-pollution/>

Public Source: Hazelwood waste proposal brings call for ‘environmental justice’ and rezoning

<https://www.publicsource.org/hazelwood-rezoning-waste-garbage-transfer-station/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: DEP report shares outline for three Eureka facilities cleanup and closure

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/09/dep-report-shares-outline-for-three-eureka-facilities-cleanup-and-closure/>

Upper Makefield Pipeline Leak

Fox29: Bucks County jet fuel leak: Residents demand answers in meeting with Sunoco

<https://www.fox29.com/news/bucks-county-residents-demand-answers-after-jet-fuel-contaminates-drinking-water>

Air

WHYY: 3 Pennsylvania cities ranked among worst places to live for people with asthma

<https://whyy.org/articles/asthma-capitals-philadelphia-harrisburg-allentown-pennsylvania/>

Climate Change

Tribune-Review: Fall foliage in Western Pa. may be less than splendid, forecaster says

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/fall-foliage-in-western-pa-may-be-less-than-splendid-forecaster-says/>

WNEP: Visitors flock to the Poconos as trees reveal early hints of fall color

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/visitors-flock-to-the-poconos-as-trees-reveal-early-hints-of-fall-color-tobyhanna-state-park-mountains-visitors-bureau/523-1033b47a-8992-482b-a65d-51a3edabfebb?tbref=hp>

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<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/weather/2025/09/lehigh-valley-weather-coastal-system-brings-clouds-scattered-showers.html>

Centre Daily Times: Commentary | The US is giving away \$35 billion a year to cook the planet
<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/us-viewpoints/article312092648.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Editorial: Welcome back, otter
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/09/16/river-otter-allegheny-monogahela-conservation-clean-water-pollution/stories/202506240002>

Union Progress: State group names Frick Park and Boyce Park additions Great Places
<https://www.unionprogress.com/2025/09/16/state-group-names-frick-park-and-boyce-park-great-places/>

Republican Herald: Schuylkill's Liberty Tree dedicated for America's 250th
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/09/15/schuylkills-liberty-tree-dedicated-for-americas-250th/>

Gant News: Public Plays Important Role in Monitoring EHD
<https://gantnews.com/2025/09/14/public-plays-important-role-in-monitoring-ehd/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Reflections in Nature: All that humans have learned has come from nature
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/09/reflections-in-nature-all-that-humans-have-learned-has-come-from-nature/>

Data Centers

Tribune-Democrat: Program on big data centers to be presented at Mount Aloysius College
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WOLF: Blakely Borough data center plans scrapped amid community pushback, Borough responds
<https://fox56.com/news/local/blakely-borough-data-center-plans-scrapped-amid-community-pushback-borough-responds>

WOLF: Debate over data centers and power lines frustrates Sugarloaf residents
<https://fox56.com/news/local/debate-over-data-centers-and-power-lines-frustrates-sugarloaf-residents>

Bucks County Beacon: The AI Boom Is Coming for Pennsylvania. How Will Lawmakers Respond?
<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2025/09/the-ai-boom-is-coming-for-pennsylvania-how-will-lawmakers-respond/>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: From family fish market to energy exec: Bo Wholey's journey back to the Strip District with Long Ridge Energy

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/09/15/personalities-of-pittsburgh-robert-bo-wholey.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Duquesne Light unveils plan to improve response to large-scale power outages

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/09/15/duquesne-light-after-action-report-pittsburgh.html>

KDKA: Duquesne Light makes storm response changes after massive April outages

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/duquesne-light-changes-response-april-storm/>

WESA: Pa. electric customers will pay to keep an old power plant running under federal orders

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-09-16/pennsylvania-electric-customers-pay-more-keep-fossil-fuel-power-plants-online-trump-pjm>

WTAE: Updates ongoing after April 29 storms resulted in thousands without power for weeks, DLC says

<https://www.wtae.com/article/updates-april-29-storms-wester-pennsylvania-duquesne-light/66112144>

Meadville Tribune: Meadville marks one year of resiliency effort

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PFAS

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Tribune-Review: 'Trash wheel' could soon be installed to remove litter from Pittsburgh river

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/trash-wheel-could-soon-be-installed-to-remove-litter-from-pittsburgh-river/>

Gant News: Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority to Hold Special Collection Event

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NorthcentralPA.com: Rifle found in recycling bin

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Water

Tribune-Review: As Plum flushes fire hydrants, borough warns residents may experience discolored water

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/as-plum-flushes-fire-hydrants-borough-warns-residents-may-experience-discolored-water/>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/brandywine-river-dam-removal-restoration/>

DELCO Today: They're Catching and Studying Northern Snakeheads at Heinz Refuge in Tinicum

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Delaware Currents: Improving water quality as a business: Why downstream users think it's worth footing the bill

<https://delawarecurrents.org/2025/09/15/downstream-users/>

Delaware Currents: Dissolved oxygen rules set to come Sept. 22: EPA official

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Gant News: Invasive flathead catfish now top predators in Susquehanna River in PA

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Miscellaneous

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<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/09/15/rolling-roadblocks-planned-on-i-81-in-luzerne-county/>

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<https://phl17.com/nmw/wegmans-recalls-canned-fruit-over-possible-high-lead-levels/>