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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Review: DEP faces concerns about air pollution from proposed Homer City power plant
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/dep-faces-concerns-about-air-pollution-from-proposed-homer-city-gas-plant/>

Mentions

Meadville Tribune: Another delay for Rainbow Lake dam project puts possible construction in 2028
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/another-delay-for-rainbow-lake-dam-project-puts-possible-construction-in-2028/article_0e70ea14-72a2-4e53-83be-503bd4f420be.html

Air

WPXI: Code Orange Air Quality Alert in effect for multiple counties
<https://www.wpxi.com/weather/code-orange-air-quality-alert-effect-multiple-area-counties/6JBFGYWORDNXHTZ644GVCY2UA/>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Big Idea: Western Pennsylvania should have a National Park
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/09/18/big-idea-western-pennsylvania-should-have-a-national-park/stories/202509210002>

Bradford Era: A bridge to autumn; Fall Festival returns to Kinzua Bridge State Park
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/09/17/a-bridge-to-autumn/>

Warren Times: Kinzua Bridge State Park Fall Festival is this weekend
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/09/kinzua-bridge-state-park-fall-festival-is-this-weekend/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State's fall foliage report offers maps
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/09/states-fall-report-offers-maps/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Forestry official shares thoughts on foliage season
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/09/forestry-official-shares-thoughts-on-foliage-season/>

ABC27: Driving tours offer rare access to Pennsylvania forests
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/driving-tours-offer-rare-access-to-pennsylvania-forests/>

Drought

KDKA: The Pittsburgh area hasn't seen any rain in nearly two weeks. Here's how the drought conditions can impact you.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-weather-drought-conditions-personal-impact/>

Energy

KDKA: Duquesne Light explains storm response improvements

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

WESA: Duquesne Light promises improvements to storm response following April 29 storm, power outages

<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2025-09-18/duquesne-light-promises-improvements-to-storm-response-following-april-29-storm-power-outages>

Tribune-Review: Duquesne Light promises improvements after April storm

<https://triblive.com/business/duquesne-light-promises-improvements-after-april-storm/>

Delco Today.com: Keeping Old Eddystone Power Plant Running Will Cost Consumers

<https://delco.today/2025/09/eddystone-power-plant-cost/>

Reading Eagle: Reading Awarded \$250,000 Grant to Boost Energy-Efficient Building Projects'

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/09/18/reading-awarded-250000-grant-to-boost-energy-efficient-building-projects/>

Huntingdon Daily News: MU board OKs energy audit

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/mu-board-oks-energy-audit/article_7dc1e6a1-5d02-40b5-8ab9-cc252ab8142b.html

WFMZ: Reading awarded grant to make energy-efficient investments

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/reading-awarded-grant-to-make-energy-efficient-investments/article_ab3d47a7-75d7-48be-beeb-2c27691f18ff.html

Mining

Tribune-Review: Why a stream near Monroeville Mall is glowing bright blue

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/monroevilles-blue-lagoon-created-by-aluminum-in-abandoned-mines/>

Waste

WESA: From a flush to a river: behind the scenes at ALCOSAN's treatment plant

<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2025-09-18/alcosan-sewage-treatment-plant-open-house>

Huntingdon Daily News: Tire collection event planned

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/tire-collection-event-planned/article_6d4bbe38-e10f-42d7-8714-95ca471d3c9d.html

Water

Latrobe Bulletin: Water service talks for Fairfield Township residents still flowing

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/townnews/work/water-service-talks-for-fairfield-township-residents-still-flowing/article_16fb8be3-7a8a-4ce4-b4dd-7db0a7ae9191.html

Daily Courier: Water company to check service lines

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/water-company-to-check-service-lines/article_f4c0b876-7c21-4209-b899-c49a73d9183c.html

Centre Daily Times: Rockview state prison prepares to lock up for the last time. Questions abound

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/article312148915.html>

Central Penn Business Journal: The York Water Company to acquire Pine Run wastewater system

<https://www.cpbj.com/the-york-water-company-to-acquire-pine-run-wastewater-system/>

Huntingdon Daily News: TMSD asked to budget for water meters'

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/tmsd-asked-to-budget-for-water-meters/article_57eb9f15-bdc0-4f5a-a483-501bc059cf92.html

Bedford Gazette: Tussey debates water meter purchase, install

<https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/#:~:text=Tussey%20debates%20water%20meter%20purchase%2C%20install>

Miscellaneous

WPXI: Hybrid vehicle battery explodes after car catches fire inside Pittsburgh auto repair facility

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/hybrid-vehicle-battery-explodes-after-car-catches-fire-inside-pittsburgh-auto-repair-facility/BAGQRLNAQFBRBK3AAOOGKEELY4/>

WJAC: 911: Chlorine odor, possible hazmat scenario prompts evacuation of pool building at UPJ

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/911-chlorine-odor-possible-hazmat-scenario-prompts-evacuation-of-pool-building-at-upj#>

StateCollege.com: DOC Makes Final Recommendation to Close Rockview Prison, Quehanna Boot Camp

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/doc-makes-final-recommendation-to-close-rockview-prison-quehanna-boot-camp/>

Centre Daily Times: Gov. Josh Shapiro's admin will close Rockview state prison, Quehanna Boot Camp

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article312147433.html#campaignName=statecollege_breaking_newsletter

Centre Daily Times: 'Gut-punch to our area.' Local officials react to closure of Rockview state prison
<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article312148374.html>

Pennlive: Is it time to worry about that brown grass on my lawn?
<https://www.pennlive.com/gardening/2025/09/is-it-time-to-worry-about-that-brown-grass-on-my-lawn.html>

Lebtown: Plans move forward for cold storage, tray pack poultry facilities in Fredericksburg
<https://lebtown.com/2025/09/18/plans-move-forward-for-cold-storage-tray-pack-poultry-facilities-in-fredericksburg/>