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Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: DEP, First Lady Lori Shapiro Highlight Impacts Of Food Waste Reduction Grants, Tour The Valley Lighthouse Food Distribution Center In Dauphin County
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/09/dep-first-lady-lori-shapiro-highlight.html>

Mentions

TribLive: ‘Last man standing’: What happens when coal companies buy up entire village?
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/last-man-standing-what-happens-when-coal-companies-buy-up-entire-village/>

Penn State News: Commonwealth Sustainability Week to be held online Oct. 5-9
<https://www.psu.edu/news/penn-state-sustainability/story/commonwealth-sustainability-week-be-held-online-oct-5-9>

Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: RAD board proposes nearly \$135M in funding for parks, libraries and arts
<https://triblive.com/aande/museums/rad-board-proposes-nearly-135m-in-funding-for-parks-libraries-and-arts/>

Scranton Times: ‘Recovery in Nature’ initiative blooms
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/09/29/recovery-in-nature-initiative-blooms/>

Data Centers

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WJAC: Somerset County moves to restrict data centers as residents warn of resource impacts
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/somerset-county-weighs-restrictions-on-data-centers-after-residents-raise-concerns>

Mon Valley Independent: Elizabeth Township sets town hall for proposed data center
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/09/30/elizabeth-twp-sets-town-hall-for-proposed-data-center/>

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WNEP: Kline Township Board of Supervisors set to make a final decision on Amazon data center project
<https://www.wnep.com/video/news/local/schuylkill-county/kline-township-board-of-supervisors-set-to-make-a-final-decision-on-amazon-data-center-project/523-31f0e5e9-aca1-4c79-af63-e86c1188c799>

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WITF: Central Pa. residents raise concerns about growing data center development
<https://www.witf.org/2026/09/29/central-pa-residents-raise-concerns-about-growing-data-center-development/>

WTAJ: Somerset County residents push back against proposed data center rules at hearing
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/somerset-county-residents-push-back-against-proposed-data-center-rules-at-hearing/>

The Derrick: KEEL: 'A good neighbor is a quiet neighbor'; VP tries to quell concerns about planned data center
https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/keel-a-good-neighbor-is-a-quiet-neighbor-vp-tries-to-quell-concerns-about-planned/article_5da4eba9-dc16-45b3-a7b8-74440f021c09.html

Shamokin News-Item: Data center provisions need to be strengthened before adoption
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<https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/pennsylvania-farm-bureau-calls-for-data-center-moratorium/930462.html>

WKOK: Public hearing on data center ordinance in East Buffalo Twp.
<https://www.wkok.com/public-hearing-on-data-center-ordinance-in-east-buffalo-township/>

Energy

TribLive: Duquesne Light workers threaten strike Wednesday night
<https://triblive.com/business/duquesne-light-workers-threaten-strike-wednesday-night/>

WTAE: Unionized Duquesne Light workers could go on strike at midnight Wednesday
<https://www.wtae.com/article/duquesne-light-strike-ibew/73950038>

Pittsburgh Business Times: IBEW Local 29 workers at Duquesne Light threaten midnight work stoppage as contract deadline looms

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/09/30/deadline-looms-for-ibew-duquesne-light.html>

Oil and Gas

TribLive: Letter to the editor: Truths about fracking

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-truths-about-fracking/>

Shamokin News-Item: Three easy ways to reduce pain at the pump

<https://www.newsitem.com/opinion/columnists/three-easy-ways-to-reduce-pain-at-the-pump/>

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WKOK: Flick plans electronic recycling event Saturday

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6abc: 500+ tires illegally dumped in Philadelphia's Cobbs Creek section in recent months, residents say

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/flooding-support-services-resources-washington-county-this-week/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/microplastics-delaware-schuylkill-rivers-20260930.html>

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WTAE: Powerful explosion reduces Pennsylvania home to rubble | Coroner called to scene

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pa-house-explosion-perry-county/73956810>

WFMZ: Nonprofit's shuttered Lehigh Valley warehouse scooped up by investment group for \$11.5M

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Morning Call: CEO of Lehigh Valley Public Media, which includes PBS39, is out after 15 months

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/09/30/lehigh-valley-public-media-ceo-out/>

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<https://local21news.com/news/local/trout-restocking-expected-to-start-in-october-across-pennsylvania-lakes-streams-pa-pennsylvania-fish-and-boat-commission-anglers-ice-fishing-fall-winter>

Indiana Gazette: Another superload is headed for Homer City Energy Campus

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<https://6abc.com/post/crews-battle-garage-fire-southwest-philadelphia/19892603/>