

Some clips may be behind a paywall. If you need access to these clips, email me at kedeibert@pa.gov

Top DEP Stories

WJAC: DEP fines gas company \$1.1M for 2022 Cambria County leak

<https://wjactv.com/newsletter-daily/dep-fines-gas-company-million-2022-cambria-county-leak-environment-authorities-pennsylvania-investigation-violations-rager-mountain-equitrans#>

Pittsburgh Business Times: State slaps Equitrans with \$1.1M civil penalty over Rager Mountain gas release

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/04/09/equitrans-midstream-civil-penalty-rager-mountain.html>

Post-Gazette: Cambria County storage well blowout brings \$1.1 million penalty for Equitrans Midstream

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/04/10/equitrans-penalty-blowout-cambria-county-well/stories/202404090110>

Pennlive: Biden administration puts limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

<https://www.pennlive.com/health/2024/04/biden-administration-puts-limits-on-forever-chemicals-in-drinking-water.html>

abc27: EPA sets first-ever national limits for 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

<https://www.abc27.com/national/epa-sets-first-ever-national-limits-for-forever-chemicals-in-drinking-water/>

Bedford Gazette: \$1.1M civil penalty assessed in gas release

https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/1-1m-civil-penalty-assessed-in-gas-release/article_e4a62c4a-d7ac-5081-b856-df595de6064c.html

WTAJ: Pennsylvania DEP fines company \$1.1 million for violations

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/pennsylvania-dep-fines-company-1-1-million-for-violations/>

Mentions

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Local operators produce natural gas responsibly

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-local-operators-produce-natural-gas-responsibly/>

Daily American: Pa. tick experts explain why outdoors enthusiasts need to plan ahead to prevent tick bites

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/04/10/what-do-you-do-about-tick-bites-in-pennsylvania-dep-department-of-health-lyme-diseases-deer-tick/73264597007/>

East Palestine Train Derailment

Bradford Era: Norfolk Southern agrees to \$600M settlement in fiery Ohio derailment. Locals fear it's not enough

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/norfolk-southern-agrees-to-600m-settlement-in-fiery-ohio-derailment-locals-fear-it-s-not/article_643c1992-f69a-11ee-a9d0-5f6ff3653035.html

Butler Eagle: Norfolk Southern reaches \$600M settlement for Ohio train wreck suit, leaves Butler County out-of-range

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240410/norfolk-southern-reaches-600m-settlement-for-ohio-train-wreck-suit-leaves-butler-county-out-of-ran/>

New Castle News: Norfolk Southern agrees to \$600M settlement in fiery Ohio derailment. Locals fear it's not enough

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/norfolk-southern-agrees-to-600m-settlement-in-fiery-ohio-derailment-locals-fear-it-s-not/article_5281ea72-0f10-583e-9fa3-06bed60e8b11.html

Meadville Tribune: Railroad agrees to \$600 million settlement for fiery Ohio derailment, residents fear it's not enough

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/railroad-agrees-to-600-million-settlement-for-fiery-ohio-derailment-residents-fear-its-not-enough/article_283a7a46-bfe0-5fa3-8ce0-cf0cf43ec4f4.html

Record-Argus: Railroad agrees to \$600 million settlement for fiery Ohio derailment, residents fear it's not enough

https://www.recordargusnews.com/ap/business/railroad-agrees-to-600-million-settlement-for-fiery-ohio-derailment-residents-fear-its-not-enough/article_595c4a61-ef3a-5ac9-b574-9862569e1af8.html

KDKA: Pennsylvania Department of Health conducting follow-up East Palestine train derailment health surveys

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-department-of-health-east-palestine-train-derailment-health-survey/>

WPXI: Norfolk Southern agrees to \$600M settlement over East Palestine derailment

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/norfolk-southern-agrees-600m-settlement-over-east-palestine-derailment/5Z7KQ65BSFFSNKFZUQMFC6NJIA/>

Beaver County Times: Norfolk Southern, victims reach \$600M settlement for 2023 East Palestine train derailment

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/2024/04/09/norfolk-southern-east-palestine-lawsuit-settlement/73258484007/>

Post-Gazette: Norfolk Southern's \$600 million payout in East Palestine derailment leaves many uncertain, unsatisfied

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2024/04/09/east-palestine-derailment-train-settlement-lawsuit/stories/202404090109>

Environmental Health News: Norfolk Southern agrees to a significant settlement over the Ohio derailment

<https://www.ehn.org/norfolk-southern-agrees-to-a-significant-settlement-over-the-ohio-derailment-2667736758.html>

AP: Norfolk Southern agrees to \$600M settlement in fiery Ohio derailment. Locals fear it's not enough

<https://apnews.com/article/norfolk-southern-ohio-bd020560b01f5cb58bb6e15072ca97a1>

Air

Erie Times: New EPA rule says over 200 US chemical plants must reduce toxic emissions linked to cancer

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/nation/2024/04/09/epa-rule-toxic-emissions-cancer/73267465007/>

AP: New EPA rule says 218 U.S. chemical plants must reduce toxic emissions that are likely to cause cancer

<https://apnews.com/article/epa-chemical-pollution-cancer-environmental-justice-louisiana-3207b752c9e0e9d6e3e7e715be92e8eb>

WETM: New EPA rule says 218 US chemical plants must reduce toxic emissions that are likely to cause cancer

<https://www.mytwintiers.com/news-cat/business-news/ap-business/ap-new-epa-rule-says-200-us-chemical-plants-must-reduce-toxic-emissions-that-are-likely-to-cause-cancer/>

Conservation and Recreation

My ChesCo: Earth Day Extravaganza: A Day of Family Fun and Sustainability, Championed by State Senator Carolyn Comitta and the YMCA of Greater

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/lifestyle/earth-day-extravaganza-a-day-of-family-fun-and-sustainability-championed-by-state-senator-carolyn-comitta-and-the-ymca-of-greater-brandywine/>

Penn State News: Shaver's Creek Environmental Center building 'Aerie Garden' near aviary

<https://www.psu.edu/news/campus-life/story/shavers-creek-environmental-center-building-aerie-garden-near-aviary/>

Penn State News: Palmer Museum of Art's new building pairs art and nature

<https://www.psu.edu/news/palmer-museum-art/story/palmer-museum-arts-new-building-pairs-art-and-nature/>

Lock Haven Express: 'The Nicest Guy': Beloved butterfly expert steps away from conservation

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/04/the-nicest-guy-beloved-butterfly-expert-steps-away-from-conservation/>

Energy

Bradford Era: Pa. lawmakers in talks about enacting an annual electric vehicle fee

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/pa-lawmakers-in-talks-about-enacting-an-annual-electric-vehicle-fee/article_f069513a-f6a1-11ee-87a4-07b36d8c0d53.html

Reuters: US power use forecast to reach record highs in 2024 and 2025

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/us-power-use-forecast-reach-record-highs-2024-2025-2024-04-09/>

Lebtown.com: 2 Lebanon County businesses receive renewable energy grants from USDA

<https://lebtown.com/2024/04/10/2-lebanon-county-businesses-receive-renewable-energy-grants-from-usda/>

Gettysburg Times: Supervisors nix Butler solar rumors, for now

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_afab693a-9601-51c0-9df6-a5cc49474fa2.html

WITF/StateImpact: House GOP lawmakers rail against Biden's liquefied natural gas export approval pause

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/04/09/house-gop-lawmakers-rail-against-bidens-liquefied-natural-gas-export-approval-pause/>

WITF: Local union workers cheer new federal rule to modernize grid, but efficiency experts are unimpressed

<https://www.witf.org/2024/04/09/local-union-workers-cheer-new-federal-rule-to-modernize-grid-but-efficiency-experts-are-unimpressed/>

abc27: Bill would create fees for electric vehicle owners in Pennsylvania

<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/bill-would-create-fees-for-electric-vehicle-owners-in-pennsylvania/>

FOX43: Pennsylvania makes push to attract and approve carbon capture wells

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/pennsylvania-attract-approve-carbon-capture-wells/521-5dc065a9-a828-413e-b3ad-8b06f3f1dab2>

WTAJ: Centre Crest building to potentially go solar

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/centre-crest-building-to-potentially-go-solar/>

Sunbury Daily Item: House Dem says EV road fee talks resume, Senate Republican firm on current proposal

https://www.dailyitem.com/cnhi_network/house-dem-says-ev-road-fee-talks-resume-senate-republican-firm-on-current-proposal/article_2150ba15-8118-5938-9b43-327dc55833ab.html

Lock Haven Express: KC school board considers solar arrays

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/04/kc-board-considers-solar-arrays/>

Milton Standard-Journal: Pennsylvania makes a push to attract and approve carbon capture wells

https://www.standard-journal.com/news/news_ap/article_05cce626-d9db-5e5b-8cda-192e2cf2f4a7.html

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

LehighValley Live: The Dixie Cup factory has been vacant for decades. What's happening now?

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2024/04/the-dixie-cup-factory-has-been-vacant-for-decades-whats-happening-now.html>

Mining

Lancaster Newspapers: Mount Joy Township representatives try to resolve issues with farm quarry
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/mount-joy-township-representatives-try-to-resolve-issues-with-farm-quarry/article_f61007a2-e7c2-11ee-b8d9-23045ac9048b.html

Oil and Gas

WESA: Pa. House GOP lawmakers rail against Biden's liquefied natural gas export approval pause
<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2024-04-10/pennsylvania-house-republicans-liquefied-natural-gas-export-pause>

PFAS

KDKA: EPA announces first-ever national regulations for "forever chemicals" in drinking water
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/epa-first-ever-drinking-water-regulations-pfas-forever-chemicals/>

WESA: EPA puts limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water
<https://www.wesa.fm/2024-04-10/epa-puts-limits-on-forever-chemicals-in-drinking-water>

AP: Biden administration imposes first-ever national drinking water limits on toxic PFAS
<https://apnews.com/article/forever-chemicals-pfas-pollution-epa-drinking-water-1c8804288413a73bb7b99fc866c8fa51>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Limits on 'forever chemicals' in tap water imposed by EPA, Biden administration
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/nation-world/forever-chemicals-pfas-tap-water-epa-20240410.html>

WHYY: EPA announces first federal restrictions on toxic 'forever chemicals' in drinking water
<https://whyy.org/articles/pfas-forever-chemicals-epa-federal-restrictions/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Biden administration sets first-ever limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water
https://www.dailyitem.com/wire/state/biden-administration-sets-first-ever-limits-on-forever-chemicals-in-drinking-water/article_dce73821-16f7-56fc-a708-49b50d7c4665.html

Sayre Morning-Times: Biden administration sets first-ever limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water
https://www.morning-times.com/state_news/article_b8998294-df57-5f65-bb82-13ea9ae1b045.html

Vector Management

Bradford Era: Parasitic wasps, vibrating traps and other ways science is trying to destroy the spotted lanternfly

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/state/parasitic-wasps-vibrating-traps-and-other-ways-science-is-trying-to-destroy-the-spotted-lanternfly/article_78f4ca38-f5ea-11ee-a5a5-73699b2ac776.html

Waste

WJAC: WJAC teams up with National Park Service to help clean up local trail

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/wjac-teams-up-national-park-service-help-clean-up-local-trail-staple-bend-sinclair-day-of-service-community#>

Mon Valley Independent: North Belle Vernon residents cite trash, pet waste problems

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2024/04/north-belle-vernon-residents-cite-trash-pet-waste-problems/>

Daily Courier: South Connellsville agrees to garbage contract extension

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/south-connellsville-agrees-to-garbage-contract-extension/article_502bf3b2-f68d-11ee-aba9-b37161edb57f.html

KYW News: Bills to limit water and sewer system privatization move from committee to full Pa. House

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/pa-house-bills-limit-water-sewer-privatization-advance>

York Daily Record: Once free, a plastic recycling company in York now charging to accept residential waste

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2024/04/10/crdc-in-york-pa-now-charging-to-accept-residential-recycling/73261692007/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Encina still evaluating sites, including Point Township

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/encina-still-evaluating-sites-including-point-township/article_3585db12-f5df-11ee-bce2-dfd09334533d.html

Water

WPXI: Washington Crown Center remains closed due to water main break

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/washington-crown-center-remains-closed-due-water-main-break/UXVDAWKI65DT7MTOCFDGN3UNFQ/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: The Happy Rooster will be temporarily closed after a water main break, excessive steam, and fire

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/happy-rooster-closed-steam-fire-water-main-20240409.html>

Sunbury Daily Item: Watsontown officials OK sewage facilities plan

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/watsontown-officials-ok-sewage-facilities-plan/article_f1c9bce2-f67c-11ee-9be6-93089fac8144.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Some Pa. municipalities are turning to fees to cover rising stormwater costs, but pushback and a lawsuit threaten that revenue

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/some-pa-municipalities-are-turning-to-fees-to-cover-rising-stormwater-costs-but-pushback-and/article_d26947c0-f2c4-11ee-8f47-cf7018b07b00.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Rep. Dan Meuser secures \$3.5M for Williamsport levee repairs

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/04/rep-dan-meuser-secures-3-5m-for-williamsport-levee-repairs/>

Miscellaneous

WJET-TV: Erie Harbor's north pier to soon receive \$3.9 million restoration makeover

<https://www.yourerie.com/digital-first/digital-exclusive/erie-harbors-north-pier-to-soon-receive-3-9-million-restoration-makeover/>

WICU-TV: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District to Begin Construction on Erie Harbor's North Pier

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/50652350/us-army-corps-of-engineers-buffalo-district-to-begin-construction-on-erie-harbors-north-pier>

AP: Pennsylvania makes a push to attract and approve carbon capture wells

<https://apnews.com/article/pennsylvania-epa-biden-carbon-capture-hydrogen-33d86e1322590d491c0e542b36478fca>

WTAE: PennDOT, local emergency services monitoring landslides, road closures as they brace for more rain

<https://www.wtae.com/article/landslides-road-closures-pittsburgh-rain-pennDOT/60448137>

Daily American: Why PennDOT says Route 403 near Greenhouse Park will stay closed

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2024/04/10/pennDOT-releases-update-route-403-road-will-remain-closed-from-greenhouse-park-to-benscreek-somerset/73264783007/>

Lancaster Newspapers: Faith, nonprofit leaders in Lancaster County promote green transportation

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/faith-nonprofit-leaders-in-lancaster-county-promote-green-transportation/article_b3d765d4-f6a8-11ee-be7d-135ebb038abc.html

York Daily Record: Preserving York County: Will we wake up some morning and find our green spaces gone?

<https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/columnists/2024/04/10/preserving-york-county-pa-as-a-great-outdoor-playland/73258331007/>

Lancaster Farming: EPA Chief and Region 3 Administrator Talk Biofuels and Farm Visits

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/epa-chief-and-region-3-administrator-talk-biofuels-and-farm-visits/article_f9e33ee6-f6a7-11ee-8654-2f2f3ba5d4e7.html

Central Penn Business Journal: LaBelle Patrimoine recognized by USDA for environmental farming practices

<https://www.cpbj.com/labelle-patrimoine-recognized-by-usda-for-environmental-farming-practices/>

Gettysburg Times: Gray water dumping on road problem in Franklin

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_0e1fd8e2-f2c5-5976-9c6a-56e0fabb526e.html

abc27: Controlled burns in the Midstate

<https://www.abc27.com/news/top-stories/controlled-burns-in-the-midstate/>

WFMZ: Another Maxatawny warehouse hearing continued after developer no-show

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/another-maxatawny-warehouse-hearing-continued-after-developer-no-show/article_d6db9b9c-f6c9-11ee-a750-f3297e102702.html