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## Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: DEP study- dam sediment, pollution significantly impaired Roaring Brook  
[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-study-dam-sediment-pollution-significantly-impaired-roaring-brook/article\\_36d58804-320e-5c9c-aadb-c611e678e7af.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-study-dam-sediment-pollution-significantly-impaired-roaring-brook/article_36d58804-320e-5c9c-aadb-c611e678e7af.html)

## Mentions

LehighValley Live: Plans on hold for using Nazareth sewer sludge as fertilizer on Plainfield Farm  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/2024/04/plans-on-hold-for-using-nazareth-sewage-sludge-as-fertilizer-on-plainfield-farm.html>

WJAC: Flooding due to mine drainage prompts closure of Franklin Street; DEP investigating  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/flooding-due-to-mine-drainage-prompts-closure-of-franklin-street-saturday#>

Observer-Reporter: PWAC touts progress at East Dunkard water treatment plant  
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2024/apr/08/pawc-touts-progress-at-east-dunkard-water-treatment-plant/>

Tribune-Review: Stench in Harmar and Oakmont caused by work at Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority plant  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/stench-in-harmar-and-oakmont-caused-by-work-at-allegheny-valley-joint-sewage-authority-plant/>

## Air

Record Argus: Heat-trapping carbon dioxide and methane levels in the air last year spiked to record highs again  
[https://www.recordargusnews.com/ap/national/heat-trapping-carbon-dioxide-and-methane-levels-in-the-air-last-year-spiked-to-record/article\\_10effa8d-f22c-51bd-9af5-e8cc8008b53f.html](https://www.recordargusnews.com/ap/national/heat-trapping-carbon-dioxide-and-methane-levels-in-the-air-last-year-spiked-to-record/article_10effa8d-f22c-51bd-9af5-e8cc8008b53f.html)

WJAC: No dangerous chemicals or gasses found in North Star High School, officials say  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/no-dangerous-chemicals-or-gasses-found-in-north-star-high-school-officials-say#>

WJAC: Additional carbon monoxide detectors to be installed at North Star HS, officials say  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/officials-6-north-star-students-treated-slightly-elevated-levels-carbon-monoxide-incident-somerset-investigation-911-ems-co2-training-exercise-school-pennsylvania#>

Tribune-Democrat: Weekend testing finds no air, water issues after North Star student illnesses, superintendent says  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/weekend-testing-finds-no-air-water-issues-after-north-star-student-illnesses-superintendent-says/article\\_433ab790-f4ff-11ee-a858-9746597c7b06.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/weekend-testing-finds-no-air-water-issues-after-north-star-student-illnesses-superintendent-says/article_433ab790-f4ff-11ee-a858-9746597c7b06.html)

## Climate Change

AP: Heat-trapping carbon dioxide and methane levels in the air last year spiked to record highs again  
<https://apnews.com/article/carbon-dioxide-methane-global-warming-climate-change-94424de6b22f1f734b1afd6bce8489b2>

## Conservation and Recreation

Philly Burbs: It's solar eclipse day in Bucks County. What you need to know to get the best view April 8  
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/2024/04/08/solar-eclipse-in-south-jersey-glasses-timing-partial-view-and-more>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Solar eclipse in Philly: Best spots to watch, how to protect your eyes, and live updates  
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/live/solar-eclipse-2024-philadelphia-today-photos-live-updates-20240408.html>

Philly Voice: Temple eye doctor explains the dangers of looking at the sun during an eclipse  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/solar-eclipse-eye-damage-sun-retina/>

KYW News: 'When you know better, you do better': NJ spending nearly \$4M to study wildlife migration patterns  
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/nj-spending-nearly-usd4m-to-study-wildlife-migration-patterns>

Levittown Now: Three NASA Rockets Will Be Seen From Levittown Area During Solar Eclipse  
<https://levittownnow.com/2024/04/08/three-nasa-rockets-will-been-seen-from-levittown-area-during-solar-eclipse/>

Butler Eagle: Group continues maintaining Ritts Park, targeting invasive species  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240408/group-continues-maintaining-ritts-park-targeting-invasive-species/>

Times Observer: Drake Well plans memorial tree dedication  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/04/drake-well-plans-memorial-tree-dedication/>

Times Observer: Felled trees used to improve ANF streams  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/04/felled-trees-used-to-improve-anf-streams/>

WESA: Pittsburgh school day built around birds gives students many ways into their world  
<https://www.wesa.fm/education/2024-04-07/campus-laboratory-school-carlow-birds-education>

Daily Courier: Extension offers 'Rain to Drain' and 'Watershed Decisions' facilitator training

[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/extension-offers-rain-to-drain-and-watershed-decisions-facilitator-training/article\\_99f03bce-f369-11ee-a6ce-e730c276ee14.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/extension-offers-rain-to-drain-and-watershed-decisions-facilitator-training/article_99f03bce-f369-11ee-a6ce-e730c276ee14.html)

Herald-Standard: South Union awarded grant to provide lighting along Sheepskin Trail

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/2024/apr/07/south-union-awarded-grant-to-provide-lighting-along-sheepskin-trail/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2024/apr/07/south-union-awarded-grant-to-provide-lighting-along-sheepskin-trail/)

Tribune-Review: Guided wildflower walks set for Braddock's Trail Park

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/guided-wildflower-walks-set-for-braddocks-trail-park/>

Post-Gazette: Parasitic wasps, vibrating traps and other ways science is trying to destroy the spotted lanternfly

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2024/04/07/spotted-lanternfly-what-scientists-know/stories/202404070041>

Post-Gazette: Snake season is approaching. Here's what to know to stay safe.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2024/04/06/snake-bite-what-to-do/stories/202404070018>

Post-Gazette: Adriana E. Ramírez: Where are the trails we were promised?

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/adriana-e-ramirez/2024/04/06/three-rivers-heritage-trail-great-allegheny-passage/stories/202404070046>

Tribune-Review: Audubon Society seeks participants for Certified Backyard Habitat program

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/audubon-society-seeks-participants-for-certified-backyard-habitat-program/>

## Energy

Pennlive: Pa. House committee to consider bill setting electric vehicle fee to start at \$125

<https://www.pennlive.com/politics/2024/04/pa-house-committee-to-consider-bill-setting-electric-vehicle-fee-to-start-at-125.html>

Lancaster Farming: 4 Tips for Farmers Considering Solar Energy

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/4-tips-for-farmers-considering-solar-energy/article\\_58897b04-f2b1-11ee-81cc-3fea1d33c479.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/4-tips-for-farmers-considering-solar-energy/article_58897b04-f2b1-11ee-81cc-3fea1d33c479.html)

My ChesCo: Coatesville to Welcome New Electric Vehicle Charging Station with Federal Funding Boost

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/communities/coatesville/coatesville-to-welcome-new-electric-vehicle-charging-station-with-federal-funding-boost/>

Bradford Era: Over 1,000 Pa. workers have their jobs saved by federal decision on steel used for transformers

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/over-1-000-pa-workers-have-their-jobs-saved-by-federal-decision-on-steel-used/article\\_2cdb0fdc-f35f-11ee-82e0-4b208e587607.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/over-1-000-pa-workers-have-their-jobs-saved-by-federal-decision-on-steel-used/article_2cdb0fdc-f35f-11ee-82e0-4b208e587607.html)

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

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KDKA Radio: DEP [DOE] ruling saves union jobs in Butler County

<https://www.audacy.com/kdkaradio/news/local/dep-ruling-saves-union-jobs-in-butler-county>

Post-Gazette: Powering up: Bigger tax incentives mean bigger blades for Pennsylvania wind farms

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/04/08/pennsylvania-wind-farm-taxes/stories/202404010031>

## **Oil and Gas**

Pittsburgh Business Times: Regulatory paperwork request delays Southwestern-Chesapeake merger

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/04/05/southwestern-energy-chesapeake-merger.html>

Post-Gazette: Editorial: Carbon credits are a promising option to fund orphan well caps

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2024/04/08/carbon-credits-orphan-well-caps-methane-climate-change/stories/202404080005>

Wall Street Journal: 'Now They're Voting Red': A Pennsylvania Fracking Boom Weighs on Biden's Re-Election Chances

[https://www.wsj.com/politics/elections/fracking-boom-pennsylvania-trump-biden-voters-a360fd1b?mod=hp\\_lead\\_pos7](https://www.wsj.com/politics/elections/fracking-boom-pennsylvania-trump-biden-voters-a360fd1b?mod=hp_lead_pos7)

## **Waste**

Lancaster Newspapers: Cleaning out this spring? Here's where to take unwanted stuff

[https://lancasteronline.com/features/home\\_garden/cleaning-out-this-spring-heres-where-to-take-unwanted-stuff/article\\_caf331ca-f2b2-11ee-8df8-63878252d8aa.html](https://lancasteronline.com/features/home_garden/cleaning-out-this-spring-heres-where-to-take-unwanted-stuff/article_caf331ca-f2b2-11ee-8df8-63878252d8aa.html)

Lancaster Newspapers: Organizations forced to foot the bill to dispose items left outside donation bins

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/organizations-forced-to-foot-the-bill-to-dispose-items-left-outside-donation-bins-lancaster-watchdog/article\\_8eddf46-f355-11ee-8f1c-ebdb8c9e2f2c.html?itm\\_source=parsey-api&utm\\_source=general&utm\\_medium=list&utm\\_campaign=People%20Are%20Reading](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/organizations-forced-to-foot-the-bill-to-dispose-items-left-outside-donation-bins-lancaster-watchdog/article_8eddf46-f355-11ee-8f1c-ebdb8c9e2f2c.html?itm_source=parsey-api&utm_source=general&utm_medium=list&utm_campaign=People%20Are%20Reading)

Lancaster Newspapers: Penn Township OKs \$61,000 for security system at planned yard waste center

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/penn-township-oks-61-000-for-security-system-at-planned-yard-waste-center/article\\_8edf283c-f443-11ee-89ae-53507bd2bb7b.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/penn-township-oks-61-000-for-security-system-at-planned-yard-waste-center/article_8edf283c-f443-11ee-89ae-53507bd2bb7b.html)

Lancaster Newspapers: Marietta resident asks borough why they didn't notify residents of trash collection day change via mail

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/marietta-resident-asks-borough-why-they-didnt-notify-residents-of-trash-collection-day-change-via/article\\_ae0664f4-e319-11ee-a053-4b36001b1e61.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/marietta-resident-asks-borough-why-they-didnt-notify-residents-of-trash-collection-day-change-via/article_ae0664f4-e319-11ee-a053-4b36001b1e61.html)

Erie Times: How To Get Rid Of Old Paint, Outdated Computers, More With Erie County Recycling Program

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2024-04-06T21:28:00-04:00&max-results=9&start=5&by-date=false>

Tribune-Review: 'Make the town a little bit nicer': East Deer schedules first cleanup day

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/make-the-town-a-little-bit-nicer-east-deer-schedules-first-cleanup-day/>

## **Water**

York Daily Record: Lake Williams almost full April 7, 2024 as water nears spillway of new dam

<https://www.ydr.com/picture-gallery/news/local/2024/04/08/lake-williams-almost-full-photos-april-7-2024-as-water-nears-spillway/73239202007/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Damage assessed as water recedes

[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/damage-assessed-as-water-recedes/article\\_2526ca05-7b13-51ac-a519-e4988268aa44.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/damage-assessed-as-water-recedes/article_2526ca05-7b13-51ac-a519-e4988268aa44.html)

New Castle News: Bessemer under boil water advisory this week

[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/bessemer-under-boil-water-advisory-this-week/article\\_4a8a593a-f50c-11ee-9bf5-03d932a0ab2b.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/bessemer-under-boil-water-advisory-this-week/article_4a8a593a-f50c-11ee-9bf5-03d932a0ab2b.html)

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<https://www.timesobserver.com/uncategorized/2024/04/officials-predict-substantial-water-rise-in-allegheny-reservoir/>

## **Miscellaneous**

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2024/04/05/us-east-coast-earthquake-rattles-millions-but-region-escapes-sweeping-damage/>

Daily Local: How common are earthquakes in eastern PA and why was the New Jersey earthquake felt so far away?

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2024/04/05/how-common-are-earthquakes-in-eastern-pa-and-why-was-the-new-jersey-earthquake-felt-so-far-away/>

KDKA: PennDOT, South Strabane Township officials monitoring landslide along Route 40

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/penn-dot-south-strabane-township-landslide-route-40/>

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/cleanup-efforts-begin-in-pittsburgh-area-after-heavy-rains-leave-behind-flooding-and-debris/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: EVs and the environment  
<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-evs-and-the-environment/>

Tribune-Review: Westmoreland flood damage may not be bad enough for disaster declaration  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/westmoreland-flood-damage-may-not-be-bad-enough-for-disaster-declaration/>

Tribune-Review: Following heavy rain, Conemaugh River Lake crest gates opened for 1st time since 2010  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/following-heavy-rain-conemaugh-river-lake-crest-gates-opened-for-1st-time-since-2010/>

Daily American: Route 403 is closed from Ferndale Avenue to Greenhouse Park until further notice  
<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2024/04/07/403-tire-hill-road-is-closed-from-ferndale-avenue-to-greenhouse-park/73235153007/>