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## **Top DEP Stories**

Public Source: Hearing on Shell’s Beaver County cracker plant brings out economic benefits and health concerns

<https://www.publicsource.org/shell-polymers-cracker-permit-hearing/>

WESA: Shell's environmental permit finds support and opposition at Pa. DEP hearing

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-04-09/shell-environmental-permit-monaca>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Shell cracker plant permit hearing a temperature check for residents

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2026/04/09/beaver-county-shell-cracker-plant-permit-hearing-potter-township/stories/202604080082>

Coal Region Canary: Show Your Work: DEP Says Orders Can’t Be Modified, Asks to See Written Plans

<https://coalregioncanary.com/2026/04/08/show-your-work-dep-says-orders-cant-be-modified-asks-to-see-written-plans/>

## **Mentions**

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Times Leader: DEP holds public meeting on waste management station in Hazleton

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1738263/dep-holds-public-meeting-on-waste-management-station-in-hazleton>

Bradford Era: DEP responds to complaints of litter at Casella landfill

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## **Conservation and Recreation**

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Allegheny Front: Is the rare Pennsylvania hawthorn ready for its moment in the sun?

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/is-the-rare-pennsylvania-hawthorn-ready-for-its-moment-in-the-sun/>

WBRE: Wildlife center overwhelmed after 'horrific' animal hoarding discovery

<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/wildlife-center-overwhelmed-after-horrific-animal-hoarding-discovery/>

Bradford Era: Forest Service picks Warren as regional headquarters under national reorganization

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/04/08/forest-service-picks-warren-regional-headquarters-national-reorganization/>

Chestnut Hill Local: Philadelphia parks department commits to reducing pesticide use

<https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/stories/philadelphia-parks-department-commits-to-reducing-pesticide-use,40366>

## Data Centers

TribLive: Upper Burrell data center town hall scheduled for May

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/upper-burrell-data-center-town-hall-scheduled-for-may/>

Allegheny Front: Pa. data centers: How lawmakers are responding, from electricity and water use to tax breaks

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pa-data-centers-lawmakers-electricity-and-water-use-tax-breaks/>

Sun Gazette: Panelists highlight importance of data centers in leading digital economy

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Standard Speaker: Butler Twp. prepares data center rules

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Times Leader: Luzerne County Planning Commission continues data center zoning discussion

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Morning Call: Upper Macungie is expected to boom in the next 25 years. How will they get everything to fit?

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[https://lancasteronline.com/news/ephrata/error-in-public-notice-forces-ephrata-twp-supervisors-to-table-hearing-on-data-center-zoning/article\\_71588859-4dd7-4946-96c8-acad94828afe.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/ephrata/error-in-public-notice-forces-ephrata-twp-supervisors-to-table-hearing-on-data-center-zoning/article_71588859-4dd7-4946-96c8-acad94828afe.html)

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<https://lebtown.com/2026/04/09/south-annville-supervisors-hear-from-residents-regarding-proposed-data-center/>

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TribLive: Solar farm planned in Swisshelm Park would power 4 Pittsburgh Public schools

<https://triblive.com/news/education-classroom/solar-farm-planned-in-swisshelm-park-would-power-4-pittsburgh-public-schools/>

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania regulators oppose \$2B transmission line over cost recovery terms

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/04/08/nextera-pennsylvania-power-transmission-line.html>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: States are struggling to meet their clean energy goals. Data centers are to blame.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2026/04/09/data-centers-climate-goals-ai/stories/202604100007>

The Derrick: Oil City hears from solar company on proposed installation near high school

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Central Penn Business Journal: Coalition forms to protect Pa. jobs, support smart energy policies  
<https://www.cpbj.com/coalition-forms-to-protect-pa-jobs-support-smart-energy-policies/>

## **Oil and Gas**

TribLive: Driller seeks to tap Beaver Run Reservoir for fracking water  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/driller-seeks-to-tap-beaver-run-reservoir-for-fracking-water/>

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Billy Penn: Philly could keep burning trash in Chester for just one more year  
<https://billypenn.com/2026/04/08/philadelphia-trash-incineration-chester-composting-digester/>

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<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/04/09/glassport-water-system-improvements-underway/>

The Times Herald: Evansburg Road Bridge over Shady Brook Run closed in Skippack Township  
<https://www.timesherald.com/2026/04/08/evansburg-road-bridge-over-shady-brook-run-closed-in-skipack-township/>

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The Philadelphia Inquirer: What we know about the CHOP garage collapse in Grays Ferry  
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/chop-parking-garage-collapse-victims-cause-20260409.html>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: How US communities have responded to plans to convert warehouses into immigration detention centers  
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