

*Some clips may be behind a paywall. If **Regional** employees need access to these clips, please contact your **Regional Communications Manager** (NWRO – Tom Decker; NCRO – Megan Lehman; NERO – Patti Monahan; SERO – Robyn Briggs; SCRO – John Repetz; SWRO – Laina Aquiline). If **Central Office** staff (and others outside of DEP) need access to these clips, please email me at brandongla@pa.gov*

Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: PA Recycling Market Centers Study: Recycling Industries Support Over 319,000 Jobs; Contributes \$130.5 Billion To The Economy - Over 3 Times That Of The Shale Gas Industry
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/04/pa-recycling-market-center-study.html>

Mentions

Standard Speaker: Rinaldi tells how he thinks trash station will help Hazleton
<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/04/09/rinaldi-tells-how-he-thinks-trash-station-will-help-hazleton/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Laceyville's second water well could come online soon
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/laceyvilles-second-water-well-could-come-online-soon/>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Hosts April 15 Webinar On Trenchless Pipeline Construction Guidance After Major Inadvertent Return Incidents In 2025, Including Release Of 1.2 Million Gallons Into Abandoned Mine Voids In Washington County
<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=64760&SubjectID=216>

Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: Free Earth Day celebration set at Bradford Woods Reserve
<https://triblive.com/local/free-earth-day-celebration-set-at-bradford-woods-reserve/>

TribLive: Small space, big environmental impact: Aspinwall resident to plant public pollinator garden
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/small-space-big-environmental-impact-aspinwall-resident-to-plant-public-pollinator-garden/>

KDKA: How a group is helping native trout populations rebound in Linn Run
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/native-trout-population-linn-run/>

WICU-TV: The Trails at Jakes Rocks Receive International Recognition
https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/the-trails-at-jakes-rocks-receive-international-recognition/article_54d4189c-80de-46d9-a9eb-0da674df72e9.html

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/>

New Castle News: Site of former beloved race track sold for \$50 million, community members brace for possible data center

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/site-of-former-beloved-race-track-sold-for-50-million-community-members-brace-for-possible/article_5feb5ca4-4113-496d-96de-fa904b7684e3.html

MONTCO Today: Data Center Debate Heats Up in Limerick as Secrecy Concerns Surface

<https://montco.today/2026/04/limerick-data-center-nda/>

Scranton Times: Wildcat Ridge Data Center launches campaign touting finances, questioning foes

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/04/09/wildcat-ridge-data-center-launches-campaign-touting-finances-questioning-foes/>

Standard Speaker: Interest expressed in data center by Hunlock Twp. power plant

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/04/09/interest-expressed-in-data-center-by-hunlock-twp-power-plant/>

Morning Call: 'We don't want it': Lower Mount Bethel residents raise concerns about data center proposal at town hall

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/04/10/we-dont-want-it-lower-mount-bethel-residents-raise-concerns-about-data-center-proposal-at-town-hall/>

WFMZ: 'We will fight until the end': Lower Mt. Bethel residents pack data center town hall

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/slate-belt/we-will-fight-until-the-end-lower-mt-bethel-residents-pack-data-center-town-hall/article_d2b0dca6-fae7-4c83-bc29-bf8e42761882.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories

Energy

PennLive: PA Is One Of The World's Top Energy Producers, So Why Can't It Build Pipelines?

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2026/04/pennsylvania-is-one-of-the-worlds-top-energy-producers-so-why-cant-it-build-pipelines-opinion.html>

Philly Burbs: PECO seeks to raise your electric and gas bills again. Here's how much

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2026/04/09/bucks-county-lawmakers-oppose-peco-bill-hike-pa-gas-electric-hike-puc/89535380007/>

Pottstown Mercury: Rep. Houlahan town hall focuses on energy affordability, Data centers were among the causes discussed

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2026/04/09/rep-houlahan-town-hall-focuses-on-energy-affordability/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Webb Weekly: The Lumber Yards

<https://webbweekly.com/articles/2026/04/08/the-lumber-yards/>

Oil and Gas

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Proposed Wyalusing D&C station still in preliminary stages

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/proposed-wyalusing-dc-station-still-in-prelim-stages/>

Vector Management

WJAC: Will PA see double the ticks this year? Officials offer tips to protect yourself

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pa-officials-warn-tick-populations-are-rising-boosting-lyme-disease-other-disease-risks>

Waste

CBS3: Philadelphia could reshape how it disposes trash as Chester residents raise health concerns

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-chester-trash-incinerator-health/>

Daily Local: West Chester University kicks off Earth Week with 2026 Zero Waste Summit

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/04/09/west-chester-university-kicks-off-earth-week-with-2026-zero-waste-summit/>

Water

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Trump administration proposes gutting rules targeting coal plant ash that threatens groundwater

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2026/04/09/trump-epa-rules-coal-plant-ash-groundwater/stories/202604090099>

York Daily: Hanover to hold public meeting on future of fluoride in water system

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/04/10/hanover-pa-to-discuss-potential-removal-of-fluoride-in-meeting-public-forum-town-hall/89538204007/>

Wellsboro Gazette: Nessmuk Lake to get new lease on life

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/nessmuk-lake-to-get-new-lease-on-life/article_250efad6-5e8b-4d14-affd-c9e1d2d5234e.html

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Elkland Authority plans land acquisition, valve replacement

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/elkland-authority-plans-land-acquisition-valve-replacement/article_3a43c404-674d-42ef-aa5f-0526ebdc9ece.html

Miscellaneous

TribLive: Forecasters caution of wildfire risk in Allegheny County

<https://triblive.com/local/forecasters-caution-of-wildfire-risk-in-allegheny-county/>

WJAC: 'It hurts:' Centre County farm faces 20 acre loss from State College Connector Project

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/it-hurts-centre-county-farm-faces-20-acre-loss-from-state-college-connector-project>

Lancaster Online: Dry, windy conditions put Lancaster County at elevated risk of wildfires

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/dry-windy-conditions-put-lancaster-county-at-elevated-risk-of-wildfires/article_12a25513-ed0e-40d6-bac1-13cd0d9cd064.html

Altoona Mirror: Burn ban in effect for Duncansville Borough

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/04/duncansville-borough-burn-ban-april10/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: The Atlantic hurricane season may get an early start, with El Niño likely a factor, forecasters say

<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/atlantic-hurricane-season-forecast-2026-el-nino-20260409.html>

WHYY: What Greenland Can Teach Us About the Earth's Past and Future

<https://whyy.org/episodes/what-greenland-can-teach-us-about-the-earths-past-and-future/>

Times Leader: Luzerne County warning: stay off Nanticoke/West Nanticoke Bridge

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1738336/luzerne-county-warning-stay-off-nanticoke-west-nanticoke-bridge>

WOLF: 'A slap in the face': Shapiro slams Trump for using foreign steel in ballroom project

<https://fox56.com/newsletter-daily/a-slap-in-the-face-shapiro-slams-trump-for-using-foreign-steel-in-ballroom-project-josh-shapiro-democrat-2028-president-donald-trump-politics-debate-republican-election>

Wellsboro Gazette: Wellsboro Council hears two environmental project pitches

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/wellsboro-council-hears-two-environmental-project-pitches/article_ad514ccf-8d64-449e-987d-0ca7d61e591d.html