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## Top DEP Stories

### **Plum House Explosion**

KDKA: NTSB not investigating deadly house explosion in Plum

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/ntsb-not-investigating-deadly-house-explosion-in-plum/>

WPXI: Crack found in gas line on property near Plum house explosion

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/crack-found-gas-line-property-near-plum-house-explosion/3ZMNSB226BFUDP6ISFTWSODBVA/>

## Mentions

Waste360: PA Representative Calls for Action Against Trash Collector Missing Routes

<https://www.waste360.com/haulers/pa-representative-calls-action-against-trash-collector-missing-routes>

Times News: Carbon County urged to take action on biosolids

<https://www.tnonline.com/20230823/carbon-urged-to-take-action-on-biosolids/>

Tribune-Democrat: Train collides with truck, injuring two in Paint Township, officials said

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/local\\_news/train-collides-with-truck-injuring-two-in-paint-township-officials-said/article\\_95a7f126-41e7-11ee-bd88-3b75906f587d.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/train-collides-with-truck-injuring-two-in-paint-township-officials-said/article_95a7f126-41e7-11ee-bd88-3b75906f587d.html)

Lock Haven Express: DEP no longer committing to Cottage Lane project

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2023/08/dep-no-longer-committing-to-cottage-lane-project/>

## Climate Change

NorthcentralPA.com: Penn State researchers aim to lower cow emissions

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/penn-state-researchers-aim-to-lower-cow-emissions/article\\_49ee6ae0-4060-11ee-be3d-73036c0e02c5.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/penn-state-researchers-aim-to-lower-cow-emissions/article_49ee6ae0-4060-11ee-be3d-73036c0e02c5.html)

## Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Review: Inquest examines dangers of rafting near Dimple Rock at Ohiopyle

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/inquest-examines-dangers-of-rafting-near-dimple-rock-at-ohiopyle/>

Towanda Daily Review: Research team gets grant to study effectiveness of Pennsylvania riparian buffers

[https://www.thedailyreview.com/research-team-gets-grant-to-study-effectiveness-of-pennsylvania-riparian-buffers/article\\_95c39be1-dd7f-5e7c-8f22-4267568a82a4.html](https://www.thedailyreview.com/research-team-gets-grant-to-study-effectiveness-of-pennsylvania-riparian-buffers/article_95c39be1-dd7f-5e7c-8f22-4267568a82a4.html)

## Energy

Butler Eagle: Northern townships in Butler County are considered 'energy communities' with new bill  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230824/northern-townships-in-butler-county-are-considered-energy-communities-with-new-bill/>

MyChesCo: Boost for Energy Communities: Casey Announces Eligible Locations for Bonus Tax Credit  
[https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/boost-for-energy-communities-casey-announces-eligible-locations-for-bonus-tax-credit/#google\\_vignette](https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/boost-for-energy-communities-casey-announces-eligible-locations-for-bonus-tax-credit/#google_vignette)

Lebtown.com: Lebanon County gas station gets federal funds for electric vehicle charging station  
<https://lebtown.com/2023/08/24/lebanon-county-gas-station-gets-federal-funds-for-electric-vehicle-charging-station/>

Bedford Gazette: Massive solar project proposed for Bedford Township  
[https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/massive-solar-project-proposed-for-bedford-township/article\\_79136e8f-5883-533b-b582-e832f57a0b96.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/massive-solar-project-proposed-for-bedford-township/article_79136e8f-5883-533b-b582-e832f57a0b96.html)

CBS21: Expert: Consumers 'don't seem ready' for electric vehicles, major slowdown expected  
<https://local21news.com/news/nation-world/expert-consumers-dont-seem-ready-for-electric-vehicles-major-slowdown-expected-president-joe-biden-automakers-economic-concerns-driving-american-cars-price-high-material-cost#>

Reading Eagle: Pennsylvania farmers benefit from strong natural gas industry  
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/08/24/pennsylvania-farmers-benefit-from-strong-natural-gas-industry-opinion/>

Observer-Reporter: Washington County farmers, elected leaders gather to discuss issues  
[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/washington-county-farmers-elected-leaders-gather-to-discuss-issues/article\\_6f98ae1e-41e0-11ee-bd43-3f91ed31dbe6.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/washington-county-farmers-elected-leaders-gather-to-discuss-issues/article_6f98ae1e-41e0-11ee-bd43-3f91ed31dbe6.html)

Reuters: Column: US gas-fired power emissions scale record highs  
<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/us-gas-fired-power-emissions-scale-record-highs-2023-08-24/>

## Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

PublicSource: They're calling it 'bio valley,' but Hazelwood residents want to know what it means for them  
<https://www.publicsource.org/university-pittsburgh-carnegie-mellon-pitt-cmu-hazelwood-bioforge-green/>

## Oil and Gas

Observer-Reporter: State, county elected leaders take proactive steps for banning injection  
[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/state-county-elected-leaders-take-proactive-steps-for-banning-injection/article\\_48bf61a4-018a-596b-8e1d-5f64a9ce7ee5.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/state-county-elected-leaders-take-proactive-steps-for-banning-injection/article_48bf61a4-018a-596b-8e1d-5f64a9ce7ee5.html)

Environmental Health News: Appalachia's fracking counties are shedding jobs and residents: Study  
<https://www.ehn.org/fracking-job-loss-2664305050.html>

Capital and Main: Pennsylvania Residents Call for Action After Study Links Fracking to Asthma and Lymphoma  
<https://capitalandmain.com/pennsylvania-residents-call-for-action-after-study-links-fracking-to-asthma-and-lymphoma>

### **Radiation Protection**

York Dispatch: Process to decommission Peach Bottom reactor to begin in fall, active work planned in 2028  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2023/08/22/constellation-energy-prepares-to-move-one-of-peach-bottoms-reactors-further-along-the-decommissionin/70623592007>

### **Vector Management**

Post-Gazette: Mark Barrett: What happens when you get caught in the Lyme Wars  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2023/08/24/coinfections-ticks-lyme-disease/stories/202308230097>

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: West Nile virus has been detected in Danville  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/082223/page/4/story/west-nile-virus-has-been-detected-in-danville>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Expert: Don't panic over pest  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/082323/page/1/story/expert-dont-panic-over-pest>

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PA Environment Digest Blog: PA Resources Council Announces 5 Upcoming Recycling, Safe Disposal Collection Events In Allegheny, Beaver, Delaware Counties  
<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/08/pa-resources-council-announces-5.html>

Billy Penn: The problem with North Philly's new BigBelly trash cans  
<https://billypenn.com/2023/08/24/philadelphia-new-bigbelly-trash-cans-foot-pedals/>

Pennlive: An open letter to Lower Paxton Township supervisors  
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2023/08/an-open-letter-to-lower-paxton-township-supervisors-pennlive-letters.html>

## **Water**

Butler Eagle: Shapiro Administration Secures Methane Detectors for Rustic Ridge Community  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230824/mercerc-township-addresses-nearly-40000-in-delinquent-sewage-bills/>

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<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1617844/3-5m-water-line-upgrade-project-underway-in-west-nanticoke>

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<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/schuylkill-county/residents-fed-up-with-dirty-water/523-6a4e2472-6c52-4151-a3dd-de5be5528ef0>

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<https://www.tnonline.com/20230821/franklin-looks-to-study-sewer-expansion/>

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<https://local21news.com/news/local/duncannon-borough-declares-second-mandatory-public-water-restriction-in-two-months#>

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[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-township-looking-for-solutions-in-5-year-plan/article\\_e18b438e-752e-554a-a840-dcd7c1f177aa.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-township-looking-for-solutions-in-5-year-plan/article_e18b438e-752e-554a-a840-dcd7c1f177aa.html)

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<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/08/23/from-the-ground-up-exploring-crepe-myrtles/>

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[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/farmers-and-soil-experts-debate-tillage-at-field-day/article\\_4fa7f8be-41c0-11ee-b7c4-e3d1bc5cfc19.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/farmers-and-soil-experts-debate-tillage-at-field-day/article_4fa7f8be-41c0-11ee-b7c4-e3d1bc5cfc19.html)

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Post-Gazette: Esmark bows out of U.S. Steel bidding war, yielding to union push for Cleveland-Cliffs  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/career-workplace/2023/08/23/u-s-steel-sale-cleveland-cliffs-bid/stories/202308220138>

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[https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article\\_bd7388c2-41f2-11ee-9cea-d772912a3329.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article_bd7388c2-41f2-11ee-9cea-d772912a3329.html)

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/08/wawa-plan-to-go-before-city-officials/>