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Top DEP Stories

The Derrick: Drought watch remains for Venango, Clarion counties

https://www.thederrick.com/news/community_news/drought-watch-remains-for-venango-clarion-counties/article_eeee6984-42bb-11ee-8ede-13bb72589e1a.html

exploreVenango: Drought Watch Remains in Effect for Venango County

<https://explorevenango.com/drought-watch-remains-in-effect-for-venango-county/>

Bradford Era: Drought watch remains for Cameron County

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/drought-watch-remains-for-cameron-county/article_91ddb682-42b6-11ee-b7d9-cb674ce68841.html

abc27: 8 Midstate counties still under drought watch as state lifts watch in 47 counties

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/8-midstate-counties-still-under-drought-watch-as-state-lifts-watch-in-47-counties/>

WTAJ: Drought watch lifted for most of PA, Huntingdon, Cameron counties remain

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/drought-watch-lifted-for-most-of-pa-huntingdon-cameron-counties-remain/>

WFMZ: Drought watch lifted for Carbon, Monroe counties, remains for Lehigh Valley, Berks

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/drought-watch-lifted-for-carbon-monroe-counties-remains-for-lehigh-valley-berks/article_3af43984-42b3-11ee-bc75-5f7ab037f87c.html

Delco Times: 4 counties in region remain under drought watch

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/08/25/berks-remains-under-drought-watch/>

Fox56: PA DEP: Drought Watch remains for 20 counties, lifted for 47 counties

<https://fox56.com/news/local/pa-dep-drought-watch-remains-for-20-counties-lifted-for-47-counties?>

WTAJ: Drought Watch lifted for most of PA; Huntingdon, Cameron counties remain

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/drought-watch-lifted-for-most-of-pa-huntingdon-cameron-counties-remain/>

Milton Standard-Journal: Drought watch lifted in Susquehanna River Valley

https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/article_f9b4709a-a804-5547-88f4-6120ef51c119.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Drought watch lifted for four Valley counties

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/drought-watch-lifted-for-four-valley-counties/article_436d04f8-42bb-11ee-a393-9bfa3a9cbeef.html

Shamokin News Item: Drought watch lifted for Northumberland, 46 other counties

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/drought-watch-lifted-for-northumberland-46-other-counties/article_13618a10-59d5-5c2f-9d58-614d266ffb75.html

Mentions

Philadelphia Inquirer: 'Forever chemicals' found in 76% of Pennsylvania streams sampled
<https://www.inquirer.com/science/pennsylvania-forever-chemicals-pfas-usgs-streams-20230824.html>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Does anyone care about the study linking Pa. fracking to cancer in kids?
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/pennsylvania-fracking-study-childhood-cancer-20230824.html>

The Reporter: East Rockhill residents raise concerns about air and water quality
<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2023/08/24/east-rockhill-residents-raise-concerns-about-air-and-water-quality/>

Delaware Riverkeeper: Riverwatch August 25, 2023
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Snhq0-oEanQ>

Air

Philadelphia Inquirer: Smoke from South Jersey forest fire wafts across the Philly area
<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/smoke-philadelphia-smell-new-jersey-forest-20230824.html>

CBS News: Smelling smoke? South Jersey wildfire smoke blowing toward PA
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/smelling-smoke-south-jersey-wildfire-smoke-blowing-toward-philadelphia/>

Climate Change

Pennlive: The response generally looks fine to me but please note who has reviewed the response so I can sign off
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2023/08/polluters-should-pay-to-protect-communities-from-the-climate-crisis-they-created-opinion.html>

WITF: What can one person do about climate change? Part 3: Dig in the dirt
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/08/25/what-can-one-person-do-about-climate-change-part-3-dig-in-the-dirt/>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: Redding highlights hardwoods industry in St. Marys stop
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/redding-highlights-hardwoods-industry-in-st-marys-stop/article_b27589cc-42c7-11ee-ae7a-638a5be287b3.html

Bradford Era: Close out summer at Sinnemahoning State Park
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/close-out-summer-at-sinnemahoning-state-park/article_91a8859c-42b2-11ee-abba-834608a6b8f4.html

Times Observer: Woodland stream education event set for Saturday
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2023/08/woodland-stream-education-event-set-for-saturday/>

WICU-TV: Rare earth minerals could bring new industry to Pennsylvania

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/pennsylvania-news/rare-earth-minerals-could-bring-new-industry-to-pennsylvania/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Last part of right of way secured for trail

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/last-part-of-right-of-way-secured-for-trail/article_906a5fff-1c2d-50ca-9057-ce7f30a0e8c6.html

Philadelphia Inquirer: 'Walk Around Philadelphia' — a 100-mile trek over several weekends — starts Friday

<https://www.inquirer.com/life/outdoors/walk-around-philadelphia-tiziou-hiking-outdoors-20230824.html?query=Frank%20Kummer>

Oil and Gas

WBRE: Pipeline, sewer projects causing headaches for Wyoming county residents

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/construction-project-causing-headaches-for-wyoming-county-residents/>

Shamokin News-Item: Sheetz to offer \$2.99 gas for remainder of August

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/sheetz-to-offer-2-99-gas-for-remainder-of-august/article_08057f71-f390-55ec-bada-d88f4e94d6ba.html

Waste

LehighValley Live: Lower Saucon planners recommend rezoning that makes a landfill a permitted use

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/2023/08/lower-saucon-planners-recommend-rezoning-that-makes-a-landfill-a-permitted-use.html>

Citizens Voice: Following tree removal, Duryea residence now bug by salvage yard retention pond

https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/following-tree-removal-duryea-residents-now-bugged-by-salvage-yard-retention-pond/article_f3971231-b14b-53a4-803b-f8a6ce30d849.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: County now owns landfill property

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/08/county-now-owns-landfill-property/>

Water

Butler Eagle: Slippery Rock Township receives \$790,000 from state grant

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230825/slippy-rock-township-receives-790000-from-state-grant/>

Pennlive: Central Pa. borough declares another water emergency

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2023/08/central-pa-borough-declares-another-water-emergency.html>

abc27: Water supply issues persist in Perry County borough

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/water-supply-issues-persist-in-perry-county-borough/>

Lancaster Newspapers: West James Street water main break, the second in 2 months, resolved
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/west-james-street-water-main-break-the-second-in-2-months-resolved-update/article_fd46547a-4283-11ee-ba15-5ba99ec254b6.html

NewtownPANow: Wrightstown Township Grateful For Community Support After Storm Damages Flagpole
<http://newtownpanow.com/2023/08/24/wrightstown-township-grateful-for-community-support-after-storm-damages-flagpole/>

KYW Newsradio: Brandywine Creek study to help residents better prepare for future flooding
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/brandywine-creek-flood-study-to-help-prepare-residents>

Sayre Morning Times: Carantouan Greenway helping local amphibians by building vernal pools
https://www.morning-times.com/news/image_acd303e9-7d4d-5362-8483-bc2d1ad9f72c.html

Miscellaneous

Corry Journal: NWPWA presents workshop on protecting woodland streams
https://www.thecorryjournal.com/hometown/article_a03f7bf8-41fc-11ee-a67d-677b5f36f752.html

Bradford Era: Port Allegany awarded funding for bridge replacement
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/port-allegany-awarded-funding-for-bridge-replacement/article_c6b1b81e-42b5-11ee-bf07-17f7439cc2eb.html

Philadelphia Business Journal: Diversity in Business Awards 2023: Funmi Williamson, PECO
<https://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2023/08/24/diversity-in-business-awards-funmi-williamson.html>

Nuclear Newswire: A conversation with Grace Stanke, Miss America 2023, about energy careers
<https://www.ans.org/news/article-5193/a-conversation-with-grace-stanke-miss-america-2023/>