

Some clips may be behind a paywall. If you need access to these clips, email me at kedeibert@pa.gov

Top DEP Stories

Towanda Daily Review: Environmental restoration grants target acid mine drainage in NEPA
https://www.thedailyreview.com/farmersfriend/environmental-restoration-grants-target-acid-mine-drainage-in-nepa/article_bc84f5af-d5e0-5528-99d3-1fbe7a0dd1e2.html

Towanda Daily Review: DEP requires more transparency regarding fracking chemicals
https://www.thedailyreview.com/farmersfriend/dep-requires-more-transparency-regarding-fracking-chemicals/article_c3878190-30aa-5a9d-9a39-fdb4cf461a37.html

Mentions

Erie Times: Erie Coke rips federal indictment for referring to 'hypothetical victims' of air pollution
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/crime/2024/02/02/erie-coke-corp-blasts-federal-indictment-in-environmental-fraud-case-anthony-nearhoof-j-d-crane/72434463007/>

Scranton Times: Rushbrook Creek flood, protection project slated for construction in 2025
https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/rushbrook-creek-flood-protection-project-slated-for-construction-in-2025/article_957a3f40-5c7f-5365-8ccc-e040622f5813.html

Wellsboro Gazette: Mansfield issues boil water order, lifts it after weekend
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/mansfield-issues-boil-order-lifts-it-after-weekend/article_4ad63d90-bfa2-11ee-a515-9b3eb68d6d06.html

Wellsboro Gazette: Lawrenceville to recover funds intended for library; approves water and wastewater actions
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/lawrenceville-to-recover-funds-intended-for-library/article_d1e7c66a-beb6-11ee-a326-13f6a22f5366.html

East Palestine Train Derailment

New Castle News: On a frigid and fiery night one year ago, a train upended lives in East Palestine
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/on-a-frigid-and-fiery-night-one-year-ago-a-train-upended-lives-in-east/article_af255f70-c05f-11ee-813c-1b108f6734ac.html

Beaver County Times: A year after Ohio train derailment, families may have nowhere safe to go
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/2024/01/31/east-palestine-ohio-train-derailment-one-year-later/72406565007/>

Beaver County Times: After East Palestine derailment, are trains carrying chemicals safer?
https://subscribe.timesonline.com/restricted?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.timesonline.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2F2024%2F02%2F01%2Fafter-east-palestine-derailment-are-ohio-railroads-any-safer%2F72161742007%2F&sltsgmt=TBP_2-lock&gps-source=CPROADBLOCKDH

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: East Palestine: One year after train derailment upended Ohio community, residents are still in limbo

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2024/02/01/east-palestine-train-derailment-one-year-later/stories/202401300128>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: New videos show towers of fire that prompted evacuations after East Palestine derailment

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2024/02/01/east-palestine-ohio-train-derailment-ntsb/stories/202402010132>

Allegheny Front: Ohio Derailment Reveals Gaps in Public Health Response to Chemical Emergencies, Experts Say

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/east-palestine-ohio-norfolk-southern-derailment-public-health-response/>

Allegheny Front: A Year Later, The Stream Flowing Under Peoples' Homes in East Palestine is Still Polluted

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/east-palestine-norfolk-southern-train-derailment-stream-pollution/>

Allegheny Front: East Palestine Navigates Division As It Finds Its Way Forward

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/east-palestine-train-derailment-town-divide/>

Allegheny Front: Study Considers East Palestine Post-Derailment Link Between Air Quality and Disease

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/study-considers-east-palestine-post-derailment-link-between-air-quality-and-disease/>

Allegheny Front: A Pennsylvania Resident Impacted by the Norfolk Southern Derailment Pushes for Answers

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/east-palestine-norfolk-southern-pennsylvania-activist/>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: DCNR urges landowners seeking to treat for spongy moth caterpillars to act now

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/dcnr-urges-landowners-seeking-to-treat-for-spongy-moth-caterpillars-to-act-now/article_13389a24-c06d-11ee-828d-c7455dce45fb.html

Philadelphia Inquirer: Protected Cape May County beach area to close for two years for \$37.5 million restoration project

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/new-jersey/cape-may-county-higbee-beach-closure-new-jersey-dep-20240202.html>

WHYY: A rare find: Largest Atlantic white cedar tree found in Delaware

<https://whyy.org/articles/delaware-largest-atlantic-white-cedar-found/>

Newtown Now: PA's Outdoor Recreation Office Identifies Early Priorities, But Some Specifics Remain Unclear

<https://newtownpanow.com/2024/01/31/pas-outdoor-recreation-office-identifies-early-priorities-but-some-specifics-remain-unclear/>

69 News: Residents seek to halt work on multi-million dollar complex in Montco

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/southeastern-pa/residents-seek-to-halt-work-on-multi-million-dollar-complex-in-montco/article_2a412a26-c14c-11ee-a4db-6b4ce20d4f3c.html

Penn State News: Edge habitats along roads and power lines may be key to conserving rare plant species

<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences/story/edge-habitats-along-roads-and-power-lines-may-be-key-conserving-rare/>

Renovo Record: 2024 Adult Trout Stocking Schedule Now Available

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/105325>

Renovo Record: Preliminary 2024-25 Hunting & Trapping Seasons Approved

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/105182>

Herald-Standard: Winterfest a no-go thanks to no snow

https://www.heraldstandard.com/editors_pick/2024/feb/01/winterfest-a-no-go-thanks-to-no-snow/

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 'An opportunity for a new life': \$1.8 million trail expansion in Armstrong County opens soon

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2024/02/02/kiski-junction-corridor-expansion-armstrong-county-pa/stories/202402010130>

Drought

Philadelphia Inquirer: Winter weather could return in Philly, forecasters say

<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/winter-weather-forecast-philadelphia-snow-groundhog-day-20240201.html>

Energy

Philadelphia Inquirer: Pa. Democrats Bob Casey and John Fetterman split with Biden over natural gas exports pause

<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/lng-pause-biden-john-fetterman-bob-casey-pennsylvania-natural-gas-20240201.html>

WHYY: Chester LNG project promises return, despite Biden's pause and other hurdles

<https://whyy.org/articles/biden-chester-lng-pipeline-penn-america-energy/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Shell plant's costs much higher than previously disclosed

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/02/01/shell-plant-costs-increase.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Casey, Fetterman say they're concerned about Biden's LNG pause

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/02/01/lng-casey-fetterman-biden-pause.html>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

CBS NEWS: Octorara School Board president dies in small plane crash in Chester County
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/small-plane-crashes-in-chester-county-pennsylvania/ar-BB1hD9Qa>

Sayre Morning-Times: A year on, a small Ohio town is recovering from a fiery train derailment but health fears persist
https://www.morning-times.com/state_news/article_96af070e-0bb9-55c5-9199-3449480b0168.html

Mining

Lancaster Newspapers: West Donegal manager encourages residents to attend DEP hearing on expanding quarry
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/west-donegal-manager-encourages-residents-to-attend-dep-hearing-on-expanding-quarry/article_b6d857b2-aa94-11ee-a30f-ff262df31d00.html

Oil and Gas

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: US Rep. Dan Meuser urges Biden to reverse “misguided” decision on natural gas exports
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/02/u-s-rep-dan-meuser-urges-biden-to-reverse-misguided-decision-on-natural-gas-exports/>

Waste

WHYY: More than 100 tires have washed ashore Delaware beaches since December
<https://whyy.org/articles/delaware-beaches-more-than-100-tires-washed-ashore-artificial-reefs/>

Water

Wellsboro Gazette: Sen. Yaw elected chair of Chesapeake Bay Commission’s PA delegation
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/sen-yaw-elected-chair-of-chesapeake-bay-commission-s-pa-delegation/article_e9cebfec-c058-11ee-9479-cf83384d2df0.html

Wellsboro Gazette: Wellsboro secures grant for wastewater improvements
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/community/wellsboro-secures-grant-for-wastewater-improvements/article_4112a9a6-bc8c-11ee-9fda-2b80810d4467.html

Beaver County Times: City ceases Pittsburgh Potty mobile toilet pilot project
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2024/02/02/pittsburgh-ceases-downtown-mobile-toilet-project-allegheny-county/72451518007/>

Miscellaneous

Pennlive: How to recognize tree troubles, hunting for bug eggs, and more

<https://www.pennlive.com/gardening/2024/02/how-to-recognize-tree-troubles-hunting-for-bug-eggs-and-more-this-month-in-the-garden.html>

Lancaster Newspapers: Snow geese are landing at Middle Creek; here's what you need to know

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/snow-geese-are-landing-at-middle-creek-here-s-what-you-need-to-know/article_08d7c668-c12b-11ee-a2a7-e7e9870e583b.html

Lancaster Newspapers: Environmental education takes root, helping hands in Honduras and F&M College volunteerism

https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/this-weeks-good-things-environmental-education-takes-root-helping-hands-in-honduras-and-f-m/article_d81ef58c-c15c-11ee-9da0-7be190c33228.html

Reading Eagle: Cumru commissioners withdraw township's support for zoning change that enabled warehouses

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/02/02/cumru-commissioners-withdraw-townships-support-for-zoning-change-that-enabled-warehouses/>

Lancaster Farming: How to Balance Hay Stand Longevity and Forage Quality to Build Up Drought Resistance

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/field-crops/how-to-balance-hay-stand-longevity-and-forage-quality-to-build-up-drought-resistance/article_1be18c1c-bc7b-11ee-ae08-9334725f721a.htm

Centre Daily Times: Investigation into Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc. can continue, Centre County judge rules

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article284954852.html?ac_cid=DM907595&ac_bid=927393454

Renovo Record: 5 takeaways from Spotlight PA's event on the DuBois corruption case and local government oversight

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/105401>

Beaver County Times: Two homeowners advised to evacuate after Moon Township landslide

https://subscribe.timesonline.com/restricted?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.timesonline.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Flocal%2F2024%2F01%2F31%2Ftwo-homeowners-advised-to-evacuate-after-moon-township-landslide-allegheeny-county%2F72422141007%2F&sltsgmt=TBP_2-lock&gps-source=CPROADBLOCKDH

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: As a landslide continues to put homes at risk in Moon Township, residents wonder what's next

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2024/02/01/moon-township-landslide-evacuation-pennsylvania/stories/202402010124>