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## Top DEP Stories

WPXI: DEP starting emergency project to plug 2 leaking abandoned gas wells in Allegheny County  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/dep-starting-emergency-project-plug-2-leaking-abandoned-gas-wells-allegheny-county/GXECVVPOMVCWJHLEH4LYV6YCWA/>

KDKA: State works to cap abandoned gas wells across Pittsburgh area  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/state-working-cap-abandoned-gas-wells-pennsylvania/>

WTAE: Scott Township neighbors relieved leaking abandoned gas wells will be plugged  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/scott-township-abandoned-gas-wells-plugging/46663822>

WTAE: Environmental officials: Pennsylvania among top states with high radon levels  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/pennsylvania-radon-levels-environmental-officials/46648539>

Allegheny Front: PENNSYLVANIA GETS \$101 MILLION TO CLEAN UP OLD MINES  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-101-million-abandoned-mines/>

Tribune-Review: Work underway to plug 2 abandoned gas wells in Scott  
<https://triblive.com/local/carlynton/work-underway-to-plug-2-abandoned-gas-wells-in-scott/>

## Mentions

Bradford Era: Area legislators react to Shapiro's budget address  
[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/area-legislators-react-to-shapiros-budget-address/article\\_e3b11736-c53f-11ee-80f6-bfae0fc9f5c2.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/area-legislators-react-to-shapiros-budget-address/article_e3b11736-c53f-11ee-80f6-bfae0fc9f5c2.html)

Pennlive: Chemical linked to cancer found in groundwater at proposed Wawa site in Pa. city  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/02/chemical-linked-to-cancer-found-in-groundwater-at-proposed-wawa-site-in-pa-city.html>

PennLive: Chemicals linked to cancer found in groundwater at proposed Wawa site in PA city  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/02/chemical-linked-to-cancer-found-in-groundwater-at-proposed-wawa-site-in-pa-city.html>

Lock Haven Express: Takac highlights \$510k grant award to conservation district  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/02/takac-highlights-510k-grant-award-to-conservation-district/>

Inside Climate News: In His First Year as Governor, Josh Shapiro Forged Alliances With the Natural Gas Industry, Angering Environmentalists Who Once Supported Him  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/07022024/first-year-pennsylvania-governor-josh-shapiro-forged-alliances-with-natural-gas-industry/>

Tribune-Review: Environmentalists, natural gas drillers' group divided on transparency on fracking fluid disclosures

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/environmentalists-natural-gas-drillers-group-divided-on-transparency-on-fracking-fluid-disclosures/>

### **East Palestine Train Derailment**

Bradford Era: Railroads say they're making safety changes to reduce derailments after fiery Ohio crash

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/railroads-say-theyre-making-safety-changes-to-reduce-derailments-after-fiery-ohio-crash/article\\_9648598a-c52d-11ee-8fcd-db0e398c37cc.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/railroads-say-theyre-making-safety-changes-to-reduce-derailments-after-fiery-ohio-crash/article_9648598a-c52d-11ee-8fcd-db0e398c37cc.html)

WTAE: Questions remain 1 year after decision to 'vent and burn' in Norfolk Southern derailment

<https://www.wtae.com/article/east-palestine-norfolk-southern-derailment-vent-and-burn/46665272>

Allegheny Front: 'WE REFUSE TO DIE': EAST PALESTINE RESIDENTS MARK ONE YEAR SINCE TRAIN DERAILMENT

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/east-palestine-anniversary-we-refuse-to-die/>

### **Air**

Times News: Give us your opinion on tire burning

<https://www.tnonline.com/20240207/give-us-your-opinion-on-tire-fuel-proposal/>

### **Climate Change**

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Warmth cancels historic Eagles Mere toboggan slide for 10<sup>th</sup> year

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/02/warmth-cancels-historic-eagles-mere-toboggan-slide-for-10th-year/>

New Pittsburgh Courier: From throwing soup to suing governments, there's strategy to climate activism's seeming chaos – here's where it's headed next

<https://newpittsburghcourier.com/2024/02/07/from-throwing-soup-to-suing-governments-theres-strategy-to-climate-activisms-seeming-chaos-%e2%88%92-heres-where-its-headed-next/>

Post-Gazette: Gene Collier: We can save the earth from climate change with a big beach umbrella (duh)

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/gene-collier-columns/2024/02/06/space-umbrella-climate-change-solution-environment/stories/202402060086>

WHYY: Off The Chart: Warming ocean temperatures lead some scientists to call for new "Category 6" hurricanes

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/national/warming-ocean-temps-lead-call-for-new-category-6-hurricanes>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Bradford Era: ERC Fellow to assist PA Wilds Center in advancing outdoor recreation sector  
[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/erc-fellow-to-assist-pa-wilds-center-in-advancing-outdoor-recreation-sector/article\\_1688a13c-c519-11ee-82a4-73db0914b4c4.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/erc-fellow-to-assist-pa-wilds-center-in-advancing-outdoor-recreation-sector/article_1688a13c-c519-11ee-82a4-73db0914b4c4.html)

Corry Journal: Trails at Jakes Rocks selected as PA's 2024 'Trail of the Year'  
[https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article\\_369749d8-c46f-11ee-9a47-cbde5a49c9a9.html](https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_369749d8-c46f-11ee-9a47-cbde5a49c9a9.html)

WTAE: Signage and fines may be coming to the North Shore to prevent boats from using it as permanent docking, according to SEA  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/north-shore-boat-docking-sea-fines/46664566>

Tribune-Review: Aspinwall teen's passion for conservation earns him spot on Junior Achievement's 18 Under Eighteen list  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/aspinwall-teens-passion-for-conservation-earns-him-spot-on-junior-achievements-18-under-eighteen-list/>

## **Energy**

Bradford Era: Grow Rural PA awarded grant of \$100,000  
[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/ridgway-grow-rural-pa-awarded-grant-of-100-000/article\\_f492d934-c50f-11ee-9937-b7689bc7d616.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/ridgway-grow-rural-pa-awarded-grant-of-100-000/article_f492d934-c50f-11ee-9937-b7689bc7d616.html)

Times Observer: Fresh approach proposed for community solar in Pennsylvania  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/02/fresh-approach-proposed-for-community-solar-in-pennsylvania/>

Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Valley Police providing coverage during transmission line meeting  
[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-valley-police-providing-coverage-during-transmission-line-meeting/article\\_bad1de21-fe7d-5374-9274-ea0f85ac9c29.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-valley-police-providing-coverage-during-transmission-line-meeting/article_bad1de21-fe7d-5374-9274-ea0f85ac9c29.html)

Philadelphia Business Journal: PECO names new CEO as Mike Innocenzo moves to parent company Exelon  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2024/02/06/peco-ceo-mike-innocenzo-dave-velazquez.html>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Beaver County Times: Michael Baker to pay \$122K to resolve gender pay discrimination violations  
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2024/02/02/michael-baker-to-pay-122k-to-resolve-gender-pay-discrimination-violations-beaver-county/72450945007/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Lock Haven Express: Dems say Biden's pause on LNG is like throwing a match in a bale of hay  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/columns/2024/02/dems-say-bidens-pause-on-lng-is-like-throwing-a-match-in-a-bale-of-hay/>

Bloomberg: Biggest Gas Producer Slams Biden's LNG Freeze as Political Stunt  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-02-06/biggest-gas-producer-slams-biden-s-lng-freeze-as-political-stunt>

## **RGGI**

Pittsburgh Business Times: Senate GOP skeptical of Gov. Josh Shapiro's \$48B budget proposal  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/02/06/senate-republicans-pennsylvania-budget-plan.html>

## **Vector Management**

Penn State News: How does Zika virus replicate and transmit from mother to fetus?  
<https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/how-does-zika-virus-replicate-and-transmit-mother-fetus/>

## **Waste**

Lock Haven Express: Council encourages residents to take part in free recycling program  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/02/council-encourages-residents-to-take-part-in-free-recycling-program/>

## **Water**

Pennlive: Capital Region Water to start \$1 million in 'emergency sewer repairs' in Harrisburg  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/02/capital-region-water-to-start-1-million-in-emergency-sewer-repairs-in-harrisburg.html>

Lancaster Newspapers: Denver Council awards bid for water intake rehabilitation project  
[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/denver-council-awards-bid-for-water-intake-rehabilitation-project/article\\_41c3f9c2-c09c-11ee-8733-8f5ee1040270.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/denver-council-awards-bid-for-water-intake-rehabilitation-project/article_41c3f9c2-c09c-11ee-8733-8f5ee1040270.html)

York Dispatch: Hanover lifts mandatory water restrictions  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/02/06/recent-precipitation-leads-hanover-to-lift-mandatory-restrictions/72491976007/>

Altoona Mirror: Blair planning receives \$30K for stormwater plan  
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/02/blair-planning-receives-30K-for-stormwater-plan>

Latrobe Bulletin: Derry Township resident continues push for yard repair

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/derry-township-resident-continues-push-for-yard-repair/article\\_a55b6d47-9534-559e-8c33-0db038c3b6b3.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/derry-township-resident-continues-push-for-yard-repair/article_a55b6d47-9534-559e-8c33-0db038c3b6b3.html)

## **Miscellaneous**

Meadville Tribune: State attorney general candidate DePasquale talks opioids, environment

[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/state-attorney-general-candidate-depasquale-talks-opioids-environment/article\\_5d988db8-c478-11ee-980c-2774bfd96081.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/state-attorney-general-candidate-depasquale-talks-opioids-environment/article_5d988db8-c478-11ee-980c-2774bfd96081.html)

York Daily Record: 3 warehouses totaling over 1.9 million sq. ft. proposed for Dover Twp.: meeting delayed

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2024/02/07/developer-proposing-1-9-million-sq-ft-of-warehouses-in-dover-twp-pa/72489926007/>

WFMZ: Bird enthusiasts flock to view massive migration in Lancaster County

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/bird-enthusiasts-flock-to-view-massive-migration-in-lancaster-county/article\\_1c9e3558-c53e-11ee-9d15-9b287c310cd7.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/bird-enthusiasts-flock-to-view-massive-migration-in-lancaster-county/article_1c9e3558-c53e-11ee-9d15-9b287c310cd7.html)