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## **Top DEP Stories**

LehighValleyNews.com: First responders battle stubborn fire at Northampton Borough recycling plant  
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/northampton-county/first-responders-fighting-fire-at-northampton-borough-recycling-plant>

LehighValleyLive.com: Massive recycling plant blaze rages in Northampton. A hazmat team is monitoring air quality.  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2025/02/massive-recycling-plant-blaze-rages-in-northampton.html>

## **Mentions**

Morning Call: Northampton recycling plant fire: No pollutants, injuries from massive blaze, fire chief says [Updated]  
<https://www.mcall.com/2025/02/04/crews-responding-to-fire-in-northampton-county/>

KDKA: Environmental group now working to learn more about hydraulic oil spill in Westmoreland County  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/lower-burrell-hydraulic-oil-spill-allegheny-river/>

WPXI: Crews work to clean up oil in Allegheny River following spill from Westmoreland County steel plant  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/crews-work-clean-up-oil-allegheny-river-following-spill-westmoreland-county-steel-plant/LR6CYIIFQRBQFFJKLOY35FSXU/>

Tribune-Review: DEP, environmental contractors continue cleanup after Braeburn hydraulic spill  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/dep-environmental-contractors-continue-cleanup-after-braeburn-hydraulic-spill/>

Lock Haven Express: Work toward potential joint municipal authority continues for Lock Haven City  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/02/work-toward-potential-joint-municipal-authority-continues-for-lock-haven-city/>

## **Avian Influenza**

Lock Haven Express: Deadly avian flu: What you need to know to stay safe  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/02/deadly-avian-flu-what-you-need-to-know-to-stay-safe/>

## **Air**

Bedford Gazette: Senate votes to end emissions tests in Blair

[https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/senate-votes-to-end-emissions-tests-in-blair/article\\_8868c534-e32c-11ef-8624-0b3175c164d2.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/senate-votes-to-end-emissions-tests-in-blair/article_8868c534-e32c-11ef-8624-0b3175c164d2.html)

## **Conservation and Recreation**

LehighValleyNews.com: \$100K up for grabs in environmental mini grants for Lehigh, Northampton counties

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/100k-up-for-grabs-in-environmental-mini-grants-for-lehigh-northampton-counties>

KDKA: Hawk banded in Pennsylvania over 20 years ago found in Nova Scotia

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/hawk-banded-in-pennsylvania-20-years-ago-found-in-nova-scotia/>

Public News Service: Eastern hellbender, PA's state amphibian, faces endangered species protections

<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2025-02-04/water/eastern-hellbender-pas-state-amphibian-faces-endangered-species-protection/a95038-1>

## **Energy**

Pennlive: Washington is stepping back on clean energy, but Pennsylvania can't

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2025/02/with-washington-stepping-back-on-clean-energy-pennsylvania-must-step-up-opinion.html>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Lebtown.com: Nearly 50 acres of city industrial land on Norfolk Southern track changes hands

<https://lebtown.com/2025/02/05/nearly-50-acres-of-city-industrial-land-on-norfolk-southern-track-changes-hands/>

## **Mining**

Tribune-Review: Export officials eager to showcase mining history via site clean-up, pedestrian walkway

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/export-officials-eager-to-showcase-mining-history-via-site-clean-up-pedestrian-walkway/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Pittsburgh Business Journal: MVP Southgate project shrinks in length, grows in capacity as company files new proposal with FERC

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/02/04/mountain-valley-pipeline-southgate.html>

WPXI: Simple, cost-effective ways to test your gas lines and protect your family

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/simple-cost-effective-ways-test-your-gas-lines-protect-your-family/Y2OBXUQ2I5FN5HZK4I7EPC2KMI/>

## **Waste**

Tribune-Review: Franklin Township sewage authority will test its alert system on Thursday in Murrysville

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/franklin-township-sewage-authority-will-test-its-alert-system-on-thursday-in-murrysville/>

Tribune-Review: Shaler Area students collecting plastic lids for recycled bench at new park in Millvale

<https://triblive.com/local/shaler-area-students-collecting-plastic-lids-for-recycled-bench-at-new-park-in-millvale/>

CNN: Human brain samples contain an entire spoon's worth of nanoplastics, study says

<https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/03/health/plastics-inside-human-brain-wellness/index.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Icy forecast postpones cardboard recycling, pickup

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/020525/page/5/story/icy-forecast-postpones-cardboard-recycling-pickup>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Volunteers tidy Test Track Park

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/020425/page/1/story/volunteers-tidy-test-track-park>

## **Water**

CBS21: Duncannon borough engineer highlights chronic, costly water issues caused by dated system

<https://local21news.com/news/local/duncannon-borough-engineer-highlights-chronic-costly-water-issues-caused-by-dated-system#>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Laceyville water leak prompts borough warning

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/laceyville-water-leak-prompts-borough-warning/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Tribune-Democrat: Two Cambria County farms to upgrade technology to improve crop yields

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/local\\_news/two-cambria-county-farms-to-upgrade-technology-to-improve-crop-yields/article\\_4e434dd0-e308-11ef-81ac-772e20087bcb.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/two-cambria-county-farms-to-upgrade-technology-to-improve-crop-yields/article_4e434dd0-e308-11ef-81ac-772e20087bcb.html)

Inside Climate News: Trump Administration Scrubs EPA Staff's Pronouns from Their Emails and Websites Without Their Knowledge

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/04022025/trump-administration-epa-staff-pronouns-emails-websites/>

Shamokin News-Item: Resident, fire chiefs air concerns about proposed plastics manufacturer

[https://www.newsitem.com/news/resident-fire-chiefs-air-concerns-about-proposed-plastics-manufacturer/article\\_6ac6aab0-e349-11ef-8cc1-c339642a50ed.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/resident-fire-chiefs-air-concerns-about-proposed-plastics-manufacturer/article_6ac6aab0-e349-11ef-8cc1-c339642a50ed.html)