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Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Concerns about well plugging in Pa. aired at budget hearing
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2025/02/25/pennsylvania-energy-shapiro-budget-senate-environment/stories/202502250079>

PA Environment Digest: Senate DEP Budget Hearing Focuses On Permit Reviews; Governor's Lightning Energy Plan; Bringing On More Baseload Power Generation; Firing 'Intractable' DEP Employees
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/02/senate-dep-budget-hearing-focuses-on.html>

Mentions

Sharon Herald: GOP leader demands more effort to speed up DEP permitting
https://www.sharonherald.com/news/gop-leader-demands-more-effort-to-speed-up-dep-permitting/article_5a7ddf2a-4ecc-5399-8c87-f3d52fa18baf.html

Daily Local News: Class-action suit filed as cleanup continues from SPS Technologies fire
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2025/02/25/class-action-suit-filed-as-cleanup-continues-from-sps-technologies-fire/>

WHYY: Cyanide found in Tookany Creek after SPS Technologies fire in Jenkintown
<https://whyy.org/articles/cyanide-found-tookany-creek-sps-technologies-jenkintown/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 'Hot everywhere underground': A geothermal push in Pennsylvania enlists the oil and gas industry
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/02/26/geothermal-pennsylvania-energy-shale/stories/202502260051>

East Palestine Train Derailment

Philadelphia Inquirer: The East Palestine train disaster could happen in Philly next
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/gibbstown-Ing-terminal-east-palestine-train-disaster-explosion-shapiro-murphy-20250226.html>

Avian Influenza

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: First detection of bird flu in Butler County in backyard flock
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/north/2025/02/25/bird-flu-butler-county/stories/202502250054>

WPXI: Bird flu detected in Butler County backyard flock

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/bird-flu-detected-butler-county-backyard-flock/T2HR2TQNV5HTZGANDCZRW6BI3U/>

Air

Tribune-Review: Damage reported at U.S. Steel facility in Braddock, followed by increase in air pollution

<https://triblive.com/local/damage-reported-at-u-s-steel-facility-in-braddock-followed-by-increase-in-air-pollution/>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: MOUNT JEWETT: March programs at Kinzua Bridge State Park

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/mount-jewett-march-programs-at-kinzua-bridge-state-park/article_b96095a2-f3d7-11ef-83cb-6350a480284f.html

Bradford Era: AUSTIN: Free programs at Sinnemahoning

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/austin-free-programs-at-sinnemahoning/article_d14ff390-f3d9-11ef-a27f-830e69a65006.html

Bradford Era: Commissioners approve agreement with conservation district

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/commissioners-approve-agreement-with-conservation-district/article_67847230-f3c8-11ef-86b9-030b285421de.html

Pennlive: If you care about national parks and forests, tell Congress to stop Trump now

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2025/02/if-you-care-about-national-parks-and-forests-tell-congress-to-stop-trump-now-opinion.html>

Reading Eagle: Nolde Forest celebrates investment in outdoor learning

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/02/25/nolde-forest-celebrates-investment-in-outdoor-learning/>

WFMZ: State & local officials celebrate renovations at Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/state-local-officials-celebrate-renovations-at-nolde-forest-environmental-education-center/article_6d6c4982-f3b1-11ef-aedf-43ba8293f06f.html

WFMZ: 'Pennsylvania has the best trail network': SRT and local businesses teaming up to raise trail awareness

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/pennsylvania-has-the-best-trail-network-srt-and-local-businesses-teaming-up-to-raise-trail/article_803061f2-f3b1-11ef-b408-136c7e8d7a59.html

The Mon Valley Independent: McKeesport looking into options to alter section of GAP trail

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/02/26/mckeesport-looking-into-options-to-alter-section-of-gap-trail/>

The Mon Valley Independent: Elizabeth picks engineers for riverwalk trail project

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/02/26/elizabeth-picks-engineers-for-riverwalk-trail-project/>

Tribune-Review: Archers killed 199 deer as part of Pittsburgh culling program in parks
<https://triblive.com/local/archers-killed-199-deer-as-part-of-pittsburgh-culling-program-in-parks/>

Oil and Gas

WTAE: Seneca Valley School District implements remote learning day for secondary campus after gas leak
<https://www.wtae.com/article/seneca-valley-remote-secondary-campus-gas-leak/63922194>

Waste

Altoona Mirror: Dutch Hauling stops recycling pickups
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/02/dutchs-hauling-stops-recycling-pickups/>

Tribune-Review: New garbage carts rolling out for Shank customers in Lower Burrell
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/new-garbage-carts-rolling-out-for-shank-customers-in-lower-burrell/>

Water

WFMZ: New Antietam elementary school designed to prevent future flooding
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/new-antietam-elementary-school-designed-to-prevent-future-flooding/article_56185c7c-f400-11ef-a082-937a96942009.html

WFMZ: Stony Creek Elementary School project to receive additional \$1 million in funding
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/stony-creek-elementary-school-project-to-receive-additional-1-million-in-funding/article_98ad3892-f38c-11ef-a55f-47bba2d1c4aa.html

Miscellaneous

WICU-TV: Parker Lord Employees in Saegertown Return to Work Following Damaging Fire & Explosion
<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/52448606/parker-lord-employees-in-saegertown-return-to-work-following-damaging-fire-and-explosion>

Lancaster Online: Lancaster library officials say 5,000 gallons of water flowed through building Saturday night
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-library-officials-say-5-000-gallons-of-water-flowed-through-building-saturday-night/article_c35a6b18-f3ce-11ef-aebd-3bba38b9ba46.html