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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: \$101.1 million awarded for environmental restoration projects, including Elk County effort

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The Derrick: Clarion County environmental project receives funds

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Scranton Times: Keystone Sanitary Landfill responds to odor violation, presents strategies for odor, emissions reductions

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/keystone-sanitary-landfill-responds-to-odor-violation-presents-strategies-for-odor-emissions-reductions/article_6187d9c7-f095-5452-a7d9-55eca16b3406.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Radon: The scentless, flavorless, radioactive gas that's in 40% of PA homes

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/health/radon-the-scentless-flavorless-radioactive-gas-that-s-in-40-of-pa-homes/article_556b01e2-b4d9-11ee-a811-ff24ed81c703.html

WENY: Tioga Co. PA to get millions to clean up old mines

<https://www.weny.com/story/50347027/tioga-co-pa-to-get-millions-to-clean-up-old-mine-sites>

Mentions

Renovo Record: "Weaponized" DEP blasted for regulatory nightmares

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/104617>

Phillyburbs: Development in these 13 Bucks County towns could stop if costly sewer repairs aren't made

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2024/01/18/bucks-county-water-and-sewer-authority-warns-of-development-halt-sewer-repairs-overflow-moratorium/72210887007/>

Latrobe Bulletin: LMA benefits from \$3M grant

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https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article_3be4e2d2-b584-11ee-b4b1-ff2da757fc7f.html

East Palestine Derailment

Grist: 1 year after the toxic train derailment, is East Palestine safe? Depends on whom you ask.

<https://grist.org/accountability/is-east-palestine-safe-depends-who-you-ask/>

Air

PublicSource: County's top health post, vacant for a year, 'vital' to Innamorato administration
<https://www.publicsource.org/allegheeny-county-health-department-director-innamorato-transition-jobs/>

Climate Change

Pennlive: Climate change is costing Pennsylvanians plenty, and someone has to pay for it
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2024/01/climate-change-is-costing-pennsylvanians-plenty-and-someone-has-to-pay-for-it-pennlive-letters.html>

The Guardian: US climate scientist's defamation case over online attacks finally comes to trial
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/17/michael-mann-climate-scientist-defamation-lawsuit>

Conservation and Recreation

WJET-TV: Two Erie outdoor projects awarded over \$160,000 in grant funding
<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/two-erie-outdoor-projects-awarded-over-160000-in-grant-funding/>

Republican Herald: Schuylkill County commissioners approve money for farmland preservation
https://www.republicanherald.com/news/schuylkill-county-commissioners-approve-money-for-farmland-preservation/article_59a79628-4546-5ebd-bd02-f12ef132c1bf.html

Northcentral PA Conservancy News: NPC members help conserve 29 acres in Tioga County
<https://npcweb.org/npc-members-help-conserve-29-acres-in-tioga-county/>

WJAC: Anglers concerned with new request from Raystown Lake officials
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/anglers-concerned-with-new-request-from-raystown-lake#>

Next Pittsburgh: Parks Conservancy adding Outdoor Sensory Classroom to Frick Environmental Center
<https://nextpittsburgh.com/city-design/parks-conservancy-adding-outdoor-sensory-classroom-to-frick/>

Daily American: Boating incidents in six Pennsylvania counties lead to eight deaths in 2023
<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/01/17/boating-deaths-in-pennsylvania/72258610007/>

Energy

Pennlive: Misguided energy policy could sink America's manufacturing renaissance
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2024/01/misguided-energy-policy-could-sink-americas-manufacturing-renaissance-opinion.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Attorney to fight solar farm

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/011624/page/1/story/attorney-to-fight-solar-farm>

Renovo Record: Utility shut-off protections in PA would be expanded to summer months under bill

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/104604>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State of energy comes with good and bad news (Editorial)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/editorials/2024/01/state-of-energy-comes-with-good-and-bad-news/>

Allegheny Front: PHILADELPHIA WILL POWER UP TO 25% OF ITS BUILDINGS WITH SOLAR ENERGY FROM ADAMS COUNTY ARRAY

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/philadelphia-solar-power-buildings-climate-goal/>

Daily Courier: Penn State to help develop testing ground for sustainable power grids

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/penn-state-to-help-develop-testing-ground-for-sustainable-power-grids/article_32fbb700-b56a-11ee-9b3b-8be1696bbd36.html

Waste

Centre Daily Times: Man riding on back of garbage truck in Centre County killed after crash into overhanging tree

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article284358684.html?ac_cid=DM901615&ac_bid=817841311

Pittsburgh Business Times: Covestro signs deal to dramatically increase amount of recycled plastics in its manufacturing

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/01/18/covestro-encina-recycled-plastics.html>

Water

Bradford Era: BCWA hears update on dam conditions

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/bcwa-hears-update-on-dam-conditions/article_02472262-b57d-11ee-b3f7-ffb1988cd64b.html

Butler Eagle: County commissioners support Southwest Butler County Stormwater Planning Group

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240118/county-commissioners-support-southwest-butler-county-stormwater-planning-group/>

Chesapeake Bay Program News: Bay Program notes increase in wetlands across the watershed

<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/pressrelease/chesapeake-bay-program-notes-increase-in-wetlands-across-the-watershed>

KDKA: Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County approves first rate increase since 2018

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WTAE: Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to increase water, sewer rates

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WPXI: Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County announces rate increase

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Tube City Almanac: East McKeesport Will Re-Bid Stormwater Project

<http://almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=3323>

Mon Valley Independent: PUC sets public hearing dates for rate increase request by Pa. American Water

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2024/01/puc-sets-public-hearing-dates-for-rate-increase-request-by-pa-american-water/>

Latrobe Bulletin: 6 new hydrants in Ligonier Township need warranty repair

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/6-new-hydrants-in-ligonier-township-need-warranty-repair/article_ff4e8bf7-cacc-56c7-a369-e06f0abfcdfc.html

Tribune-Review: Greensburg law firm gets \$72K raise for Westmoreland water, sewer advice

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/longtime-lawyer-gets-42-raise-for-westmoreland-water-sewer-advice/>

Tribune-Review: More than 122,000 water customers in region will see rates increase by 9%

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/more-than-122000-water-customers-in-region-will-see-rates-increase-by-9/>

Miscellaneous

Post-Gazette: North Shore-based Wabtec touts a major milestone for its 'Trip Optimizer' system

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/tech-news/2024/01/18/wabtec-trip-optimizer-1-billion-miles-emissions-railway/stories/202401180028>