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## Top DEP Stories

WKOK: Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance receives DEP funding  
<https://www.wkok.com/shamokin-creek-restoration-alliance-receives-dep-funding/>

## Mentions

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Gas operation concerns in Bell Township  
<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-gas-operation-concerns-in-bell-township/>

New Castle News: Wampum proposes new treatment plant, adopts feral cat ordinance  
[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/wampum-proposes-new-treatment-plant-adopts-feral-cat-ordinance/article\\_fd7d7b6c-b614-11ee-861b-6bff72ed94ef.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/wampum-proposes-new-treatment-plant-adopts-feral-cat-ordinance/article_fd7d7b6c-b614-11ee-861b-6bff72ed94ef.html)

Meadville Tribune: Grant awarded to repair Conneautville dam  
[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/grant-awarded-to-repair-conneautville-dam/article\\_d15ba2ae-b630-11ee-9347-abca4a4f065b.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/grant-awarded-to-repair-conneautville-dam/article_d15ba2ae-b630-11ee-9347-abca4a4f065b.html)

Scranton Times: Culm Bank in middle of Dickson City to be removed  
[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/giant-culm-bank-in-middle-of-dickson-city-to-be-removed/article\\_e81363b9-60e8-5649-9d38-eba5e2237e00.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/giant-culm-bank-in-middle-of-dickson-city-to-be-removed/article_e81363b9-60e8-5649-9d38-eba5e2237e00.html)

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Elkland Council approves garbage contract, seeks estimate for pool repair  
[https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free\\_press\\_courier/news/local/elkland-council-approves-garbage-contract-seeks-estimate-for-pool-repair/article\\_78187d20-b347-11ee-a6f6-1b0b013e700d.html](https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/elkland-council-approves-garbage-contract-seeks-estimate-for-pool-repair/article_78187d20-b347-11ee-a6f6-1b0b013e700d.html)

Dubois Courier-Express: Sandy Twp. Oks conditional approval for proposed Kiwanis Trail Estates plan  
[https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/sandy-twp-oks-conditional-approval-for-proposed-kiwanis-trail-estates-plan/article\\_d1556d38-b565-11ee-a4c4-7f52715d132f.html](https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/sandy-twp-oks-conditional-approval-for-proposed-kiwanis-trail-estates-plan/article_d1556d38-b565-11ee-a4c4-7f52715d132f.html)

WTAJ: PA U.S. reps introduce bill to give states flexibility on abandoned wells  
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/national-news/pa-u-s-reps-introduce-bill-to-give-states-flexibility-on-abandoned-wells/>

Gant News: Thompson, Deluzio introduce orphan well grant flexibility act  
<https://gantnews.com/2024/01/19/thompson-deluzio-introduce-orphan-well-grant-flexibility-act/>

Clearfield Progress-News: “Weaponized” DEP blasted for regulatory nightmares  
[https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/weaponized-dep-blasted-for-regulatory-nightmares/article\\_cb221ad2-b615-11ee-9c3e-f7ba2f7b7107.html](https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/weaponized-dep-blasted-for-regulatory-nightmares/article_cb221ad2-b615-11ee-9c3e-f7ba2f7b7107.html)

## Conservation and Recreation

Times Observer: State grants available for recreation, conservation projects

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/community/2024/01/state-grants-available-for-recreation-conservation-projects/>

WITF: Pa.'s outdoor recreation office identifies early priorities, but some specifics remain unclear  
<https://www.witf.org/2024/01/18/pa-s-outdoor-recreation-office-identifies-early-priorities-but-some-specifics-remain-unclear/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation office identifies early priorities, but some specifics remain unclear  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/01/pennsylvanias-outdoor-recreation-office-identifies-early-priorities-but-some-specifics-remain-unclear/>

## **Drought**

York Dispatch: Drought no more: Recent rain or snow finally ends abnormally dry conditions  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/01/18/drought-no-more-recent-rain-or-snow-finally-ends-abnormally-dry-conditions/72269853007/>

## **Energy**

Tribune-Review: Utility shut-off protections in Pa. would be expanded to summer months under bill  
<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/utility-shut-off-protections-in-pa-would-be-expanded-to-summer-months-under-bill/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Herald-Standard: Fayette County Commissioner table well ordinance  
[https://www.heraldstandard.com/editors\\_pick/2024/jan/19/fayette-county-commissioner-table-injection-well-ordinance/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/editors_pick/2024/jan/19/fayette-county-commissioner-table-injection-well-ordinance/)

## **Waste**

Mon Valley Independent: Trash piling up, along with complaints  
<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2024/01/trash-piling-up-along-with-complaints/>

## **Water**

Post-Gazette: PWSA customers will see rates rise next month, while Peoples' Natural Gas's requests gets its day in court  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/money/2024/01/18/pwsa-water-bill-increase-natural-gas/stories/202401180131>

Pittsburgh Business Times: PUC approves lower rate increase for Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/01/18/pwsa-puc-rate-increase.html>

Latrobe Bulletin: UTMA retains board leadership

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/utma-retains-board-leadership/article\\_b88edc4e-5bd1-5488-90ef-c96e05d5e0d2.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/utma-retains-board-leadership/article_b88edc4e-5bd1-5488-90ef-c96e05d5e0d2.html)

WPXI: Rate increases approved for Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/rate-increases-approved-pittsburgh-water-sewer-authority/K2QKOPSWPFCYJGOP7ZJ3LCHPDQ/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Game Commission looking to replace culverts with bridges to help aquatic organisms

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/01/game-commission-looking-to-replace-culverts-with-bridges-to-help-aquatic-organisms/>

Wellsboro Gazette: County to assist Mansfield in replacing arch pipe

[https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the\\_wellsboro\\_mansfield\\_gazette/news/local/county-to-assist-mansfield-in-replacing-arch-pipe/article\\_b6f417c0-b3ab-11ee-b2a0-6b61669a8ff5.html](https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/county-to-assist-mansfield-in-replacing-arch-pipe/article_b6f417c0-b3ab-11ee-b2a0-6b61669a8ff5.html)

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Elkland Borough Authority investigates water infiltration

[https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free\\_press\\_courier/news/local/elkland-borough-authority-investigates-water-infiltration/article\\_2874b252-b347-11ee-8cb1-53ed047d49f8.html](https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/elkland-borough-authority-investigates-water-infiltration/article_2874b252-b347-11ee-8cb1-53ed047d49f8.html)

## **Miscellaneous**

Pittsburgh Union Progress: State awards \$132 million to upgrade three big city bridges

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/01/18/state-awards-132-million-to-upgrade-three-big-city-bridges/>

Tribune-Review: Train hits disabled vehicle on tracks in Derry Township

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/train-hits-disabled-vehicle-on-tracks-in-derry-township/>

WHYY: Drexel University is researching more environmentally friendly alternatives to road salt

<https://whyy.org/articles/drexel-university-researchers-road-salt-alternative-self-heating-concrete/>