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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: DEP's SPEED program streamlines permits

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/01/27/deps-speed-program-streamlines-permits/>

PA Environment Digest: DEP: Eureka Resources Has Until Jan. 31 To Remove All Wastewater From Its 3 Closed Oil & Gas Wastewater Treatment Plants; About 1.5 Million Gallons Of Wastewater Remains In Bradford County Facility

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/012826/page/1/story/soil-tests-show-contamination>

Conservation and Recreation

Allegheny Front: PA Game Commission votes to keep current firearms deer opener date, but plans to revisit moving it up

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Towanda Daily Review: BCCD's first Farmer Resource Expo packs house at Troy fairgrounds

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Data Centers

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Chambersburg Public Opinion: Franklin County seeks to help townships handle data center development

<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2026/01/28/franklin-county-aims-to-help-townships-handle-data-center-proposals/88359769007/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Data center opponents offer suggestions

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Oil and Gas

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PFAS

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Philadelphia Today: Aqua Pennsylvania Awarded \$16.9M in PENNVEST Funding for PFAS Treatment Projects

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WPXI: City of Pittsburgh suspends garbage, recycling collection through remainder of week

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