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Top DEP Stories

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: DEP conducts follow-up inspection at Eureka Resources facility
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/01/dep-conducts-follow-up-inspection-at-eureka-resources-facility/>

Mentions

Erie Times: Erie Port Authority hears proposal to turn former Erie Coke site to U.S. naval shipyard
<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/erie-port-authority-hears-proposal-to-turn-former-erie-coke-site-to-u-s-naval-shipyard/>

Chester County.com: NVF clean-up meeting provides updates from developers, EPA and Pa. DEP
<https://www.chestercounty.com/2026/01/28/561985/nvf-clean-up-meeting-provides-updates-from-developers-epa-and-pa-dep>

East Palestine Train Derailment

Allegheny Front: Research projects look at health of humans and dogs in East Palestine, 3 years after the train derailment
<https://www.allegenyfront.org/east-palestine-derailment-health-research/>

Air

WOLF56: Three hours was not enough: West Wyoming kratom facility hearing to continue in March
<https://fox56.com/news/local/three-hours-was-not-enough-west-wyoming-kratom-facility-hearing-to-continue-in-march>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: The critters are all right, with the Zoo's lions enjoying movies, and Aviary eagles grooving in the snow
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/01/29/pittsburgh-zoo-national-aviary-cold/stories/202601280098>

Carlisle Sentinel: Dickinson Township secures \$1 million grant for park project
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WNEP: The Clarks Summit Festival of Ice celebrates 'The American Dream' with live carvings this weekend

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/clarks-summit-festival-ice-celebrates-american-dream-live-carvings-lackawanna-nikki-krize/523-5e608e61-5d96-464c-9ff3-4aeb192eeb6a>

Republican Herald: Meeting slated to discuss range of regional forestry issues

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/01/28/meeting-slated-to-discuss-range-of-regional-forestry-issues/>

Bradford Era: Library grows Earth Day tradition with free trees

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/01/28/mount-jewett-library-grows-earth-day-tradition-free-trees/>

Chester County.com: Key 23-acre property in Chester County now protected under conservation easement

<https://www.chestercounty.com/2026/01/28/561973/key-23-acre-property-in-chester-county-now-protected-under-conservation-easement>

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Data Centers

Standard Speaker: Preliminary hearing set about PPL's request for 1.1-mile transmission lines

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WHYY: Amid data center boom, Delaware lawmakers want to protect residents from electricity rate hikes

<https://whyy.org/articles/delaware-electricity-rate-hikes-data-center-boom/>

Energy

TribLive: Eugene DePasquale: Pa.'s energy future depends on balance, not absolutes

<https://triblive.com/opinion/eugene-depasquale-pa-s-energy-future-depends-on-balance-not-absolutes/>

Reading Eagle: UGI requests nearly 9% increase in natural gas rates for residential customers in PA

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WFMZ: UGI seeking rate increase for natural gas customers

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/ugi-seeking-rate-increase-for-natural-gas-customers/article_7db3352e-82ed-4621-8ceb-3e9508328bae.html

WOLF56: UGI seeks \$99.4M natural gas rate increase, marks third major base rate filing in 5 years

<https://fox56.com/news/local/ugi-seeks-994m-natural-gas-rate-increase-marks-third-major-base-rate-filing-in-5-years>

Standard Speaker: UGI seeks another gas rate hike in March

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/01/28/ugi-seeks-another-gas-rate-hike-in-march/>

Pottstown Mercury: UGI requests nearly 9% increase in natural gas rates for residential customers in PA

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

WJET-TV: Newsmaker: Rep. Mike Kelly talks former Erie Coke site, ICE

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/newsmaker-rep-mike-kelly-talks-former-erie-coke-site-ice/>

WICU-TV: U.S. Navy Shipbuilding Project Potentially Coming to Erie's Bayfront

https://www.erieneWSnow.com/watch/video/u-s-navy-shipbuilding-project-potentially-coming-to-eries-bayfront/video_077a9e89-94af-5b94-9ae9-7b9f104046d2.html

Mining

Abc27: Pennsylvania lawmaker resigns amid conflict of interest complaints

<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/pennsylvania-lawmaker-resigns-amid-conflict-of-interest-complaints/>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT jumps to 6th-largest U.S. oil and gas producer in new industry ranking

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/01/28/eqt-range-cnx-enverus.html>

Radiation Protection

Mon Valley Independent: Free radon testing kits available at Westmoreland County libraries

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/01/29/free-radon-testing-kits-available-at-westmoreland-county-libraries/>

Waste

York Dispatch: Keep trash at your curb. It'll be collected eventually, York City says

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/york-city/2026/01/27/keep-trash-at-your-curb-itll-be-collected-eventually-york-city-says-be-patient-snowstorm-garbage-day/88383887007/>

WHYY: Incinerator or landfill? Philly's trash problem

<https://whyy.org/episodes/incinerator-or-landfill-phillys-trash-problem/>

Delco Today: Legislation to Halt Philadelphia Trash Incineration in Chester Delayed

<https://delco.today/2026/01/philadelphia-trash-incineration-bill-delayed/>

Water

Carlisle Sentinel: Police: Water main break causes flooding near E Street and North West Street in Carlisle

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/article_8c6b8e7e-8853-44fc-a85a-d43787981707.html

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WBRE: Susquehanna River packed with ice after winter storm

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Miscellaneous

WTAE: Ice buildup on Pittsburgh rivers threatens barge operations

<https://www.wtae.com/article/ice-buildup-pittsburgh-rivers-threatens-barge-operations/70177651>

Lancaster Online: Where does Lancaster County put all that excess snow? Municipalities tackle massive cleanup

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Carlisle Sentinel: Carlisle school board agrees to sell land, prepare for bond issue

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/education/article_40653ad8-e1ba-4ec6-aeb6-6f924f5b0a7a.html

WGAL: Maryland lawmakers propose turning invasive blue catfish into cat food

<https://www.wgal.com/article/maryland-lawmakers-propose-turning-invasive-blue-catfish-into-cat-food/70177771>

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<https://www.chestercounty.com/2026/01/28/561972/a-bill-for-the-people-a-law-for-an-industry>

Patch.com: SPS Technologies New Plans Ready For Review

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/abington/sps-technologies-new-plans-ready-review>