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## Top DEP Stories

WITF FM: Are dams in Pennsylvania safe?

<https://www.witf.org/2023/05/31/are-dams-in-pennsylvania-safe/>

NorthcentralPA.com: WIP restoration set for Clinton County swamp area

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Lairdsville sewage treatment plant officially opens

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/06/lairdsville-sewage-treatment-plant-officially-opens/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Pa. limited a board's power to regulate abandoned oil and gas wells. Democrats want to restore it.

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/features/spotlight\\_pa/pa-limited-a-board-s-power-to-regulate-abandoned-oil-and-gas-wells-democrats-want/article\\_d5266aa4-fbfa-11ed-821a-6f25c1b04935.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/features/spotlight_pa/pa-limited-a-board-s-power-to-regulate-abandoned-oil-and-gas-wells-democrats-want/article_d5266aa4-fbfa-11ed-821a-6f25c1b04935.html)

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/05/31/wildfire-prompts-code-orange-air-quality-alert-for-region-those-with-breathing-difficulties-advised-to-stay-indoors/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: That wildfire smoke in the air over Philly this week may be unprecedented

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CBS News: Philadelphia region still seeing reduced air quality due to fires

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/air-quality-delaware-pennsylvania-lehigh-valley-wildfire-smoke-bass-river-tantallon-nova-scotia/>

abc27: Air quality warning issued for Central Pennsylvania

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WFMZ: Air quality alert issued for our region due to Nova Scotia wildfires

[https://www.wfmz.com/weather/air-quality-alert-issued-for-our-region-due-to-nova-scotia-wildfires/article\\_29bdd770-ffd2-11ed-98d5-9b5c90240fc5.html](https://www.wfmz.com/weather/air-quality-alert-issued-for-our-region-due-to-nova-scotia-wildfires/article_29bdd770-ffd2-11ed-98d5-9b5c90240fc5.html)

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<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/beaver-county/shell-cracker-plant-monaca-resumes-operations-says-production-could-cause-flares/ZFDEGK54DRBV5HS3M3SFGQVKHQ/>

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Pennlive: Earth is 'really quite sick now' and in danger zone in nearly all ecological ways, study says

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/climate-change-pollution-weather-impact-start-severity-of-allergy-season/>

Environmental Health News: Reimagining healthcare to reduce pollution, tackle climate change and center justice

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Washington Post: 'Terrible public policy': Why the debt deal infuriates climate activists

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2023/05/29/debt-ceiling-deal-climate-pipeline/>

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## **Conservation and Recreation**

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Gazette 2.0: Another youngster injured while diving into Groveton Swimming Hole

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## **Drought**

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FOX43: Driest May on record affecting central Pa. crop yields

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/driest-may-central-pa-crop-yields/521-7260be04-a510-4a45-a7fa-614e7b4033d7>

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/plans-in-the-works-to-build-lithium-battery-factory-for-evs-in-centre-county#>

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Bridgeway Capital to offer solar energy loan program

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Tribune-Review: Some look back wistfully at Springdale's towering smokestacks, others welcome implosions

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Tribune-Review: Editorial: Increased electric bills are power struggle

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## **Oil and Gas**

WESA: Mountain Valley Pipeline in West Virginia gets big push in debt ceiling bill

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-05-31/mountain-valley-pipeline-debt-ceiling>

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## **Radiation Protection**

abc27: York County atomic power emergency sirens test planned

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<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/columns/2023/06/01/irg-ceo-mitch-hecht-plastics-recycling-erie-jobs-biden-epa-climate-pollution-landfills-bottles/70202928007/>

Daily Courier: Scottdale passes garbage resolution  
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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/tookanytacony-frankford-watershed-project-julie-slavet-tacony-creek-park-20230601.html>

WHYY: Philly 'water bar' back at City Hall to let you taste the tap water  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-tap-water-bar-city-hall-water-department/>

Pennlive: Supreme Court just shriveled protection for wetlands, leaving many of these valuable ecosystems at risk  
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<https://nextpittsburgh.com/environment/pitt-research-grants-ignite-sustainable-innovation-for-a-greener-future/>