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## Top DEP Stories

Erie Times: Understaffed Pa. DEP can't uphold law and protect public health | Opinion

<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/columns/2025/06/04/rep-vitali-pa-dept-of-environmental-protection-needs-more-help-opinion/84014590007/?tbref=hp>

## Mentions

KDKA: Company rescinds plans to remove 1.5 million gallons of water daily from Big Sewickley Creek

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/fracking-company-big-sewickley-creek-withdraw-water/>

Inside Climate News: Fearing Radioactive Waste, a Western Pennsylvania Community Fights to Stop a Landfill's Re-Opening

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/03062025/pennsylvania-community-fights-to-stop-landfill/>

Shamokin News-Item: Energy and sustainability coalition names DEP staffer as meeting coordinator

[https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/energy-and-sustainability-coalition-names-dep-coordinator-as-meeting-coordinator/article\\_8036678c-a4c9-4cbc-8799-96141d5ec2d1.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/energy-and-sustainability-coalition-names-dep-coordinator-as-meeting-coordinator/article_8036678c-a4c9-4cbc-8799-96141d5ec2d1.html)

## Air

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Expect one more day of hazy skies related to Canada's wildfires

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2025/06/03/hazy-skies-canada-wildfires/stories/202506040033>

Pennlive: Heat, wildfire smoke cause air quality issues in central Pa.

<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2025/06/heat-wildfire-smoke-cause-air-quality-issues-in-central-pa.html>

Pennlive: What wildfires in Canada mean for U.S. air quality

<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2025/06/what-wildfires-in-canada-mean-for-us-air-quality.html>

Lancaster Online: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issues air quality alert for Wednesday

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/pennsylvania-department-of-environmental-protection-issues-air-quality-alert-for-wednesday/article\\_f84c0cb0-1853-4585-acd1-a4b5baebe3f8.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/pennsylvania-department-of-environmental-protection-issues-air-quality-alert-for-wednesday/article_f84c0cb0-1853-4585-acd1-a4b5baebe3f8.html)

York Dispatch: Canadian wildfires bring air quality issues to York County, much of Pa. on Wednesday

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/health/2025/06/03/canadian-wildfires-bring-air-quality-issues-to-york-county-much-fo-pennsylvania-on-wednesday/84017596007/>

Reading Eagle: Code Orange air quality alert issued for region due to Canadian wildfire smoke  
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/06/03/code-orange-air-quality-alert-issued-for-region-due-to-canadian-wildfire-smoke/>

ABC27: Canadian wildfire smoke causes 'very unhealthy' conditions in American Midwest and reaches Europe  
<https://www.abc27.com/news/top-stories/ap-top-headlines/ap-canadian-wildfire-smoke-causes-very-unhealthy-conditions-in-american-midwest-and-reaches-europe/>

FOX43: Las temperaturas más cálidas llegan hoy acompañadas de un aumento de humedad  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/en-espanol/york-harrisburg-lancaster-pa/521-bd9a4d08-ff08-471b-9604-b186567a70e2>

WGAL: Air Quality Alert in effect for most of the Susquehanna Valley  
<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-impact-day-weather-air-quality-alert-code-orange/64965109>

WITF: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issues air quality alert for Wednesday  
<https://www.witf.org/2025/06/03/pennsylvania-department-of-environmental-protection-issues-air-quality-alert-for-wednesday/>

WTaj: Why is it 'smoky' in Pennsylvania? The blame goes to Canada  
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/regional-news/why-is-it-smoky-in-pennsylvania-the-blame-goes-to-canada/>

WTaj: Elevated Smoke Continues  
<https://www.wtaj.com/weather/elevated-smoke-continues/>

WFMZ: DEP Declares Code Orange Air Quality Action Day for Ozone for Lehigh Valley, Berks Wednesday  
[https://www.wfmz.com/homepage\\_top\\_stories/dep-declares-code-orange-air-quality-action-day-for-ozone-for-lehigh-valley-berks-wednesday/article\\_42ed54bf-c70b-4484-a8d7-6930fd205083.html](https://www.wfmz.com/homepage_top_stories/dep-declares-code-orange-air-quality-action-day-for-ozone-for-lehigh-valley-berks-wednesday/article_42ed54bf-c70b-4484-a8d7-6930fd205083.html)

WFMZ: Why the sky looks smoky: 69 News Meteorologist Dan Skeldon explains  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/why-the-sky-looks-smoky-69-news-meteorologist-dan-skeldon-explains/article\\_873f4459-b1e4-466e-bcf6-d9137093afe7.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/why-the-sky-looks-smoky-69-news-meteorologist-dan-skeldon-explains/article_873f4459-b1e4-466e-bcf6-d9137093afe7.html)

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Allegheny Front: Allegheny National Forest will increase logging by millions of board feet this year  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/allegheny-national-forest-logging-trump/>

## **Energy**

WESA: Pa. solar energy installers decry rollbacks in Republican U.S. budget

<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2025-06-04/solar-energy-tax-credits-pennsylvania-republicans>

Union Progress: 'The right light:' Pittsburgh begins installing LED streetlights

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2025/06/04/the-right-light-pittsburgh-begins-installing-led-streetlights/>

Times Observer: Alternative energy proposal clears House environmental panel

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/06/alternative-energy-proposal-clears-house-environmental-panel/>

WFMZ: Ways to save, as electricity prices rise

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/pennsylvania/ways-to-save-as-electricity-prices-rise/article\\_c4dfe5e3-b880-4052-b268-cac311c18b7a.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/pennsylvania/ways-to-save-as-electricity-prices-rise/article_c4dfe5e3-b880-4052-b268-cac311c18b7a.html)

WFMZ: Termination of two dozen clean energy projects to impact companies in the Lehigh Valley

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/termination-of-two-dozen-clean-energy-projects-to-impact-companies-in-the-lehigh-valley/article\\_58178caa-98d3-4c8a-97ff-3ae1d8da9355.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/termination-of-two-dozen-clean-energy-projects-to-impact-companies-in-the-lehigh-valley/article_58178caa-98d3-4c8a-97ff-3ae1d8da9355.html)

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: U.S. should heed electricity warnings (Opinion)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/060125/page/11/story/us-should-heed-electricity-warnings>

## **Mining**

Tribune-Review: Mine safety offices in Pa. pulled from list of DOGE closures

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/mine-safety-office-in-hempfield-remains-on-the-chopping-block/>

WNEP: Update: Dunmore residents return home as sinkhole gets filled

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/sinkhole-opens-up-in-backyard-of-dunmore-home-lackawanna-county/523-547ac64e-1f9a-4620-807e-0494f9d34ed5>

## **Vector Management**

WTAE: Allegheny County Health Department launches tick and mosquito surveillance season

<https://www.wtae.com/article/allegheny-county-health-department-tick-mosquito-surveillance-season/64959678>

## **Waste**

Erie Times: One woman's fight against litter is growing into a Millcreek community campaign

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/environment/2025/06/04/litter-cleaning-campaign-millcreek-pa-war-on-trash/83900768007/>

York Dispatch: York City trash fees to go up in July — but not as much as first estimated  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/york-city/2025/06/02/york-city-trash-fees-to-increase-but-not-as-much-as-first-estimated/83992721007/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: The farmer takes the initiative: Man estimates he sends 80,000 pounds of food that would otherwise go to waste to charities across state  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/060325/page/1/story/the-farmer-takes-the-initiative>

## **Water**

The Mon Valley Independent: \$3M water system upgrade to begin this week in Elizabeth Twp.  
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/06/04/3m-water-system-upgrade-to-begin-this-week-in-elizabeth-twp/>

Tribune-Review: Export set to pay off flood-control project that helped dry out the borough  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/export-set-to-pay-off-flood-control-project-that-helped-dry-out-the-borough/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Tribune-Democrat: Somerset County seats committee to review disaster relief grant applications  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/somerset-county-seats-committee-to-review-disaster-relief-grant-applications/article\\_b4972adb-da46-450f-b743-bbdfcf0c270e.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/somerset-county-seats-committee-to-review-disaster-relief-grant-applications/article_b4972adb-da46-450f-b743-bbdfcf0c270e.html)

WJAC: What's that sound? Brood 14 Cicadas emerge across central Pennsylvania after 17 years  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/brood-14-cicadas-emerge-across-central-pennsylvania-after-17-years-nature-centre-county-insects#>

CBS21: What's that sound? Brood 14 Cicadas emerge across central Pennsylvania after 17 years  
<https://local21news.com/newsletter-daily/brood-14-cicadas-emerge-across-central-pennsylvania-after-17-years-nature-centre-county-insects#>

Lewistown Sentinel: State parks hope junior naturalist program is a hit  
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2025/06/state-parks-hope-junior-naturalist-program-is-a-hit/>

WBRE: EPA, Park Service take big hits in latest Trump budget plan  
<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/national-news/epa-park-service-take-big-hits-in-latest-trump-budget-plan/>