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Top DEP Stories

WBRE: Solving serious contamination issue in Columbia County

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/solving-serious-contamination-issue-in-columbia-county/>

CBS: Residents say jet fuel leak in Pennsylvania went undetected for months, poisoned their drinking water

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/sunoco-pipeline-fuel-leak-pennsylvania-water/>

Mentions

Wellsboro Gazette: County supports Nelson, Mansfield infrastructure projects

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/county-supports-nelson-mansfield-infrastructure-projects/article_52cda1db-76f4-419c-80da-6ef03e1eb537.html

MSN News: Fracking wastewater spills from tanker truck after crash in Sullivan Twp

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/fracking-wastewater-spills-from-tanker-truck-after-crash-in-sullivan-twp/ar-AA1EDRvT>

Marcellus Drilling News: Truck Hauling Frack Wastewater Overturns in Tioga County, PA

<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2025/05/truck-hauling-frack-wastewater-overturns-in-tioga-county-pa/>

SPS Fire

Glenside Local: SPS Technologies releases two-phase demolition and air monitoring plans, work to continue through November

<https://glensidelocal.com/sps-technologies-releases-two-phase-demolition-and-air-monitoring-plans-work-to-continue-through-november/>

Air

FOX29: Residents speak out after plans for mega warehouse unveiled in Delaware County

<https://www.fox29.com/news/residents-speak-out-after-plans-mega-warehouse-unveiled-delaware-county>

Climate Change

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Grays Ferry already has enough environmental burdens. The new CHOP parking lot will only create more.

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/chop-parking-lot-grays-ferry-pollution-20250515.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: You don't have to go far to land big walleyes

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/05/15/walleye-season-pennsylvania-best-fishing-waters/stories/202505150034>

Tribune-Democrat: James Sharp Landing provides perfect spot for kayak, canoe safety class

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/james-sharp-landing-provides-perfect-spot-for-kayak-canoe-safety-class/>

Meadville Tribune: Allegheny College receives grant to enhance Watershed Conservation Research Center

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/allegheny-college-receives-grant-to-enhance-watershed-conservation-research-center/article_975a75de-9d04-4c59-8dfd-d866830e534a.html

Clearfield Progress-News: DCNR opens grant applications to protect at-risk wildlife

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/dcnr-opens-grant-applications-to-protect-at-risk-wildlife/article_74b78441-39dd-486b-9d32-4c7723436967.html

The Inquirer: New \$48M pedestrian bridge connects Schuylkill Banks in Center City to Grays Ferry

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/schuylkill-river-trail-bridge-grays-ferry-crescent-20250515.html>

The Inquirer: A tree climbing competition comes to Bucks County. The winner will go to an international championship.

<https://www.inquirer.com/entertainment/tree-climbing-competition-pa-20250515.html>

Drought

Lancaster Online: Lancaster County drought status improves during abnormally rainy May

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-county-drought-status-improves-during-abnormally-rainy-may/article_31b233e0-3676-4ad3-a184-af4625b22f55.html

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: NRG acquisition includes Pennsylvania power plants

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/14/nrg-acquisition-includes-pennsylvania-power-plants.html>

Public Source: A \$10 billion power plant 50 miles east of Pittsburgh would transform a former coal town — but into what?

<https://www.publicsource.org/coal-gas-transition-homer-city-pennsylvania/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pa. House approves part of Gov. Shapiro's energy plan as he nudges Republicans on marijuana

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2025/05/14/pennsylvania-marijuana-shapiro-house-senate-pittman/stories/202505140066>

Tribune-Review: Joan Mills and William Reeves Ferran: Allegheny County power outages make case for solar and storage in public housing

<https://triblive.com/opinion/joan-mills-and-william-reeves-ferran-allegheny-county-power-outages-make-case-for-solar-and-storage-in-public-housing/>

Central Penn Business Journal: PA House passes EDGE 2.0 to boost energy investment

<https://www.cpbj.com/pa-house-passes-edge-2-0-to-boost-energy-investment/>

The Reporter: Lansdale committee votes ahead electric fee increases

<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2025/05/14/lansdale-committee-votes-ahead-electric-fee-increases/>

Mining

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Some workers at NIOSH in Pittsburgh and Morgantown have been spared from layoffs

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/05/14/some-workers-at-niosh-have-been-spared-from-layoffs-others-have-not/stories/202505140069>

Tribune-Review: Dozens of Pittsburgh-area federal workers at Bruceton Research Center to keep jobs

<https://triblive.com/business/dozens-of-pittsburgh-area-federal-workers-at-bruceton-research-center-to-keep-jobs/>

PFAS

Associated Press: EPA announces rollback for some Biden-era limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

<https://apnews.com/article/pfas-forever-chemicals-epa-zeldin-trump-4eaf8c7bdac7c45a295a2305de906012>

KDKA: Trump administration's EPA plans to weaken limits on some "forever chemicals" in drinking water

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/epa-forever-chemicals-rollback-drinking-water/>

KYW: EPA announces rollback for some Biden-era limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnnewsradio/news/local/epa-rollbacks-limits-pfas-forever-chemicals>

Bucks County Local: PFAS seeps into Lambertville residents' lives

https://www.buckscountyherald.com/news/pfas-seeps-into-lambertville-residents-lives/article_a8ddceac-1c7c-4308-9062-f510c12df202.html

Vector Management

KDKA: Pittsburgh doctor shares tick safety tips

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/tick-safety-tips/>

Butler Eagle: Black flies in our gardens

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250514/black-flies-in-our-gardens/>

Water

The Mon Valley Independent: Pa. American Water to host public tours of McKeesport wastewater treatment plant

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/05/15/pa-american-water-to-host-public-tours-of-mckeesport-wastewater-treatment-plant/>

WJAC: High water levels at Huntingdon County spillway prompt boat launch closures

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/high-water-levels-at-huntingdon-county-spillway-prompt-boat-launch-closures#>

Public Source: The Glimpse: 'Romance under the rivers,' a poetic look at Pittsburgh's three rivers

<https://www.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-three-rivers-video-poem/>

Indiana Gazette: Clymer awards \$233,000 bid for flood mitigation project

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/clymer-awards-233-000-bid-for-flood-mitigation-project/article_9e6b803a-f42c-4df4-bdb3-b180b7d55cdb.html

Miscellaneous

Daily American: Flooding damage to Boynton bridge causes Route 219 to be closed

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/05/15/boynton-bridge-damaged-in-flooding-219-closed-until-further-notice-somerset-county/83645317007/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Heavy rainfall triggers extensive flooding, state of emergency in small Somerset County town

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/05/14/somerset-county-flooding-weather/stories/202505140044>

The Tribune-Democrat: Officials: Route 219 near Boynton closed indefinitely after floodwaters damage bridge

https://www.tribdem.com/news/officials-route-219-near-boynton-closed-indefinitely-after-floodwaters-damage-bridge/article_5c1132e8-30f8-4e3e-9120-5b76841f0dca.html

Axios: DOGE cuts Pittsburgh-area EPA grants

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/05/15/doge-cuts-pittsburgh-epa-grants>

PennLive: Pa. House to homeowners' associations: Let residents line-dry their clothes

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/05/pa-house-to-homeowners-associations-let-residents-line-dry-their-clothes.html>

PennLive: Rain, thunderstorms today could cause flooding in central Pa.

<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2025/05/rain-thunderstorms-today-could-cause-flooding-in-central-pa.html>

Lancaster Online: UGI pushes gas rate increase for Lancaster County back to December

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Bucks County Today: Pennsylvania Bird Atlas Reveals Eagle Resurgence Across State and Philadelphia Region

<https://bucksco.today/2025/05/eagle-resurgence-philadelphia-pennsylvania/>