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## **Top DEP Stories**

KDKA: New signs posted at Blue Hole Creek warn of high lead levels

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/blue-hole-creek-high-lead-levels-signs/>

## **Climate Change**

WHYY: Looming SEPTA cuts could increase climate pollution in the Philly area

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-septa-cuts-climate-pollution-regional-rail/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

WPXI: Fish for free: Here's when you can fish without a license in Pennsylvania

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/fish-free-heres-when-you-can-fish-without-license-pennsylvania/4KBUILWYQFAEZEMVE5EZ2IIFRA/>

Erie Times: What to know before you go to Presque Isle for the 2025 swimming season

<https://www.goerie.com/story/lifestyle/presque-isle/2025/05/22/presque-isle-state-park-pa-swimming-summer-seasons-2025/83726526007/>

Erie Times: Pennsylvania's Trail of the Year combines optimistic future with past tragedy. Here's why

<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/05/20/pennsylvanias-trail-of-the-year-follows-the-1889-path-of-the-flood-in-johnstown-dcnr/83744107007/?tbref=hp>

## **Energy**

Observer-Reporter: Area schools among those to receive funding to install solar panels

[https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local\\_news/2025/may/22/area-schools-among-those-to-receive-funding-to-install-solar-panels/](https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local_news/2025/may/22/area-schools-among-those-to-receive-funding-to-install-solar-panels/)

Tribune-Democrat: State officials announce solar grant for Central Cambria

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/state-officials-announce-solar-grant-for-central-cambria/article\\_51b3955e-5d0f-49f3-8eb8-1b6954cf5cab.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/state-officials-announce-solar-grant-for-central-cambria/article_51b3955e-5d0f-49f3-8eb8-1b6954cf5cab.html)

Pittsburgh Business Times: Allegheny Conference leads push for 'Appalachian Innovation Corridor' in AI and energy tech

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/22/artificial-intelligence-allegheny-conference.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Appalachia poised to power AI revolution with natural gas and, later, nuclear energy

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/21/artificial-general-intelligence-appalachia-gas.html>

Bradford Era: Lyme Timber confirms discussions regarding windmills; emphasizes nothing has been decided

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/05/21/lyme-timber-confirms-discussions-regarding-windmills-emphasizes-nothing-decided/>

Morning Call: Opinion: Congress must protect programs to lower energy costs

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/05/21/opinion-congress-must-protect-programs-to-lower-energy-costs/>

The Centre Square: Electric transmission upgrades at crucial turning point

[https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article\\_31c1eec7-02c8-4848-a725-eca52f38e43d.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article_31c1eec7-02c8-4848-a725-eca52f38e43d.html)

Penn Capital-Star: Pa. awards \$22.5 million in Solar for Schools grants to help 73 schools reduce energy costs

<https://penncapital-star.com/briefs/pa-awards-22-5-million-in-solar-for-schools-grants-to-help-73-schools-reduce-energy-costs/>

The Times Leader: More investment is needed in energy innovation

<https://www.timesleader.com/opinion/op-ed/1698896/more-investment-is-needed-in-energy-innovation>

## **Waste**

KDKA: New bill in Harrisburg could bring harsher penalties to those who abandon boats

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/new-bill-harsher-penalties-abandoned-boats/>

Morning Call: Study on Bethlehem Landfill gives an economic impact if forced to close. Township official says claims 'greatly exaggerated'

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/05/22/bethlehem-landfill-closing-study/>

## **Water**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh voters approve 3 ballot referendums on Home Rule Charter, water and sewer system

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-local/2025/05/20/pittsburgh-ballot-referendums/stories/202505190050>

WTAE: Large water main break floods road in Pittsburgh's Banksville neighborhood

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-water-main-break-banksville-potomac/64840009>

WPXI: Water main break causes damage to Pittsburgh's Banksville neighborhood; hazmat crews called to scene

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/massive-water-main-break-floods-intersection-pittsburghs-banksville-neighborhood/AOHBGRISMBA33DXCBBUXMRZWAE/>

Tribune-Review: Public information session planned for Northmont flood control project  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/public-information-session-planned-for-northmont-flood-control-project/>

The Inquirer: A regional public partnership, not a push to privatize, is a better bet for Chester water customers | Editorial  
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/editorials/water-privatization-chester-delaware-aqua-supreme-court-20250522.html>

### **Miscellaneous**

KDKA: Tornadoic winds tear roof off Butler County salt garage  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/tornadic-winds-tear-roof-off-butler-county-salt-garage-severe-weather/>

Tribune-Review: Duquesne Light, West Penn Power officials grilled at hearing over days-long power outages  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/duquesne-light-west-penn-power-officials-grilled-at-hearing-over-days-long-power-outages/>

The Philly Voice: With flashlights and buckets, volunteers 'listen for the hops' to save frogs and toads in Roxborough  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/toads-frogs-detour-roxborough-schuylkill-center/>