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Top DEP Stories

Citizens' Voice: Federal energy regulators block Amazon data center deal with Salem Township power plant

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2024/11/04/federal-energy-regulators-block-amazons-data-center-deal-with-salem-twp-power-plant/>

Sayre Morning-Times: Pennsylvania declares drought conditions in 35 counties

https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_7e4cc300-9888-11ef-b066-5f4652f28d2e.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Local counties included in drought declarations

<https://pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/110524/page/3/story/local-counties-included-in-drought-declarations>

Mentions

Tribune-Review: Consent order updates eliminate 4M gallons of water flow during Franklin rainstorms

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/consent-order-updates-eliminate-4m-gallons-of-waterflow-during-franklin-rainstorms/>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Get rid of household chemicals Saturday at Hazelwood Green Pennsylvania Resources Council collection event

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/11/05/get-rid-of-household-chemicals-saturday-at-hazelwood-green-pennsylvania-resources-council-collection-event/>

Climate Change

Post-Gazette: Gary Houser: This election will help decide whether earth reaches the climate's tipping point

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2024/11/04/trump-harris-climate-change-catastrophe-tipping-point-houser/stories/202411040057>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: 40th anniversary of Hickory Creek Wilderness

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/40th-anniversary-of-hickory-creek-wilderness/article_d1646b7c-9af1-11ef-bbad-9b1295b1f30a.html

Drought

KDKA: Dangers of brush, forest fires increase due to drought conditions

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/brush-forest-fires-increase-drought-conditions/>

Tribune-Review: 'Exceptionally dry' weather increases danger of fires spreading, National Weather Service warns

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/exceptionally-dry-weather-increases-danger-of-fires-spreading-nws-warns/>

Lancaster Online: Lancaster City is asking residents to conserve water as region experiences drought conditions

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-city-is-asking-residents-to-conserve-water-as-region-experiences-drought-conditions/article_5205a326-9afd-11ef-99a9-0b9adc8034a7.html

Gettysburg Times: No burning in Freedom; fire consumes 191 acres nearby

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_1d656ea6-9a23-11ef-a7d1-df9ed63db99c.html

WGAL: Pennsylvania enforces statewide campfire ban in state parks due to dry conditions, high wildfire risks

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-statewide-campfire-ban-state-parks-dry-conditions-wildfire-risks/62815801>

The Mercury: Drought spurs Pennsylvania American Water conservation measures

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/11/04/drought-spurs-pennsylvania-american-water-conservation-measures/>

Energy

Beaver County Radio: Mainstream Energy planning to build a new plant for generators near Pittsburgh International Airport, as well as creating jobs

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/mainstream-energy-planning-to-build-a-new-plant-for-generators-near-pittsburgh-international-airport-as-well-as-creating-jobs/>

Beaver County Radio: People's Natural Gas has program to pay for heating costs this winter

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/peoples-natural-gas-has-program-to-pay-for-heating-costs-this-winter/>

Utility Dive: FERC rejects interconnection pact for Talen-Amazon data center deal at nuclear plant

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/ferc-interconnection-isa-talen-amazon-data-center-susquehanna-exelon/731841/>

Lancaster Online: Octorara school board tables solar project; school board member resigns

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/octorara-school-board-tables-solar-project-school-board-member-resigns/article_1da3e788-9ab1-11ef-9c05-a328e7d1fc3a.html

Philadelphia Inquirer: Need help paying your heating bills? LIHEAP applications are now open in Pa., N.J.

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/liheap-pennsylvania-application-heating-costs-20241104.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Feds nix Amazon energy request

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/110524/page/1/story/feds-nix-amazon-energy-request>

Waste

Mon Valley Independent: Garbage truck overturns, leaves trail of hydraulic fluid on Speers street

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/11/05/garbage-truck-overturns-leaves-trail-of-hydraulic-fluid-on-speers-street/>

Lancaster Farming: What Haulers Should Know About Applying Food Processing Residuals

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/field-crops/what-haulers-should-know-about-applying-food-processing-residuals/article_83fc6d28-9928-11ef-85da-8fa0c6f468d5.html

Grid Magazine: Most of Philadelphia's unused food ends up in landfills. Improved composting services can help to change that

<https://gridphilly.com/blog-home/2024/11/01/most-of-philadelphias-unused-food-ends-up-in-landfills-improved-composting-services-can-help-to-change-that/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Localities issue outdoor burn bans

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/110524/page/3/story/localities-issue-outdoor-burn-bans>

Water

Bradford Era: Smethport partially drains Hamlin Lake

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/smethport-partially-drains-hamlin-lake/article_9a8c834a-9afc-11ef-987a-233baefaa1b2.html

Tribune-Democrat: Guest editorial | New rule requires lead pipes to be gone within a decade

https://www.tribdem.com/news/editorials/guest-editorial-new-rule-requires-lead-pipes-to-be-gone-within-a-decade/article_4e9485d0-986a-11ef-ac28-5fc1ed843155.html

Lebtown.com: A different kind of field work: Sampling water to assess stream health

<https://lebtown.com/2024/11/05/a-different-kind-of-field-work-sampling-water-to-assess-stream-health/>

Central Penn Business Journal: Lancaster County wastewater system assets acquired by Pennsylvania American Water

<https://www.cpbj.com/lancaster-county-wastewater-system-assets-acquired-by-pennsylvania-american-water/>

Delaware Currents: Mussels: A powerful solution to pollution in the Delaware

<https://delawarecurrents.org/2024/11/04/mussels-a-powerful-solution-to-pollution-in-the-delaware/>

PA Environment Digest Blog: USGS Releases New Video: Susquehanna River Story - What Does The Science Say About Water Quality?

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/10/usgs-releases-new-video-susquehanna.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Pipe being cleared out; Bloomsburg water plant work to last several days

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/110124/page/1/story/pipe-being-cleared-out>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Bloom's residents may pay twice for water hike

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/110124/page/1/story/blooms-residents-may-pay-twice-for-water-hike>

Miscellaneous

Erie Times: All of Erie County is under a burn ban for 14 days. What prompted the order?

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/11/04/burn-ban-issued-erie-county-from-windy-dry-conditions/76050023007/?tbref=hp>

WICU-TV: Erie County Executive Issues Temporary Countywide Burn Ban

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/51738018/erie-county-executive-issues-temporary-countywide-burn-ban>

Environmental Health News: 2024 election: Two radically different visions for environment, health

<https://www.ehn.org/2024-presidential-election-environmental-issues-2669590333.html>