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## **Top DEP Stories**

Scranton Times: AG: Former Scranton SD superintendent and COO coverup of lead and asbestos problems was criminal

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Scranton Times: 'We were lied to'. Members of Scranton School District community react to indictment over asbestos, lead

[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/crime-emergencies/we-were-lied-to-members-of-scranton-school-district-community-react-to-indictment-over-asbestos/article\\_8fe45b0a-c7d4-56c5-916c-3be799ac378c.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/crime-emergencies/we-were-lied-to-members-of-scranton-school-district-community-react-to-indictment-over-asbestos/article_8fe45b0a-c7d4-56c5-916c-3be799ac378c.html)

WJAC: DEP expands drought warning to 3 Pa counties, drought watch to 29 counties

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/dep-expands-drought-warning-to-3-pa-counties-drought-watch-to-29-counties>

KDKA: Department of Environmental Protection issues drought warnings and watches across PA

<https://www.radio.com/kdkaradio/news/dep-issues-drought-warnings-and-watches>

Tribune-Review: Armstrong, Butler counties added to drought watch

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/good-news-bad-news-more-sunny-days-but-part-of-region-in-drought/>

Bradford Era: McKean County placed under drought warning

[http://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/mckean-county-placed-under-drought-warning/article\\_d4c0de8b-5a6e-5896-8671-c1e8de215181.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/mckean-county-placed-under-drought-warning/article_d4c0de8b-5a6e-5896-8671-c1e8de215181.html)

Bradford Era: Bradford water level below normal but still good

[http://www.bradfordera.com/bradford/bradford-water-level-below-normal-but-still-good/article\\_3409ed46-6f38-55e3-98b8-52f02973903d.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/bradford/bradford-water-level-below-normal-but-still-good/article_3409ed46-6f38-55e3-98b8-52f02973903d.html)

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WJET-TV: Erie and Warren County now on drought watch

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/erie-county-now-on-drought-watch/>

exploreVenango: DEP Expands Drought Warning to 3 Counties & Drought Watch to 29 Counties

<https://explorevenango.com/dep-expands-drought-warning-to-3-counties-drought-watch-to-29-counties/>

Ridgway Record: DEP Expands Drought Warning to 3 Counties and Drought Watch to 29 Counties (pg 8)

<https://www.ridgwayrecord.com/sites/default/files/RR-10-01-2020.pdf>

Times Observer: County joins others under drought watch

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2020/10/county-joins-others-under-drought-watch/>

WBRE: Drought warning extended to Clinton and McKean counties, and watch to 13 others

<https://www.pahomepage.com/top-stories/drought-warning-extended-to-clinton-and-mckean-counties-and-watch-to-13-others/>

Lock Haven Express: DEP: Clinton moved to drought warning

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2020/10/dep-clinton-moved-to-drought-warning/>

## **Mentions**

Bradford Era: Chemical company to pay \$11M for cleanup of toxic site

[http://www.bradfordera.com/news/state/chemical-company-to-pay-11m-for-cleanup-of-toxic-site/article\\_361925c2-4bb9-5741-bdf1-116c0ce1d672.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/news/state/chemical-company-to-pay-11m-for-cleanup-of-toxic-site/article_361925c2-4bb9-5741-bdf1-116c0ce1d672.html)

WBRE: Local residents allege animal byproducts being discharged into land, waterways from Clinton County slaughterhouse

<https://www.pahomepage.com/top-stories/elected-officials-say-animal-blood-being-discharged-into-land-waterways-from-clinton-county-slaughterhouse/>

## **Air**

Post-Gazette: When pollution is no longer free

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2020/10/01/When-pollution-is-no-longer-free/stories/202009230068>

Beaver County Times: Letter: Let's get on with Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/letters/2020/09/30/letter-lets-get-regional-greenhouse-gas-initiative/3577417001/>

Post-Gazette: Clean air

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/10/01/Clean-air/stories/202010010070>

## **Climate Change**

AP: Getting warmer: Trump concedes human role in climate change

<https://apnews.com/article/election-2020-joe-biden-donald-trump-technology-politics-b5ae9468286d92f44c6a10d1e6d2cad0>

Pittsburgh Current: Controlling Climate Pollution in Pennsylvania

<https://www.pittsburghcurrent.com/controlling-climate-pollution-in-pennsylvania/>

Utility Dive: Climate change had its presidential debate moment. What did we learn?

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/climate-change-presidential-debate-biden-trump-talk-energy-policy-coal/586131/>

StateImpact PA: If Biden becomes president, will he be able to roll back Trump's climate-policy rollbacks?

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/09/30/if-biden-becomes-president-will-he-be-able-to-roll-back-trumps-climate-policy-rollbacks/>

## **Conservation & Recreation**

Gettysburg Times: 159 acres preserved in Highland

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Daily American: The escape of fall in the Alleghenies

[https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/opinion/editorials/the-escape-of-fall-in-the-alleghenies/article\\_1c50fca0-0324-11eb-aab2-879e4f7e8da2.html](https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/opinion/editorials/the-escape-of-fall-in-the-alleghenies/article_1c50fca0-0324-11eb-aab2-879e4f7e8da2.html)

Post-Gazette: Increased deer hunting reduces the spread of CWD, study says

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2020/10/01/Mule-deer-white-tail-hunting-CWD-Colorado-Montana-Pennsylvania/stories/202010010028>

exploreClarion: Rail 66 Country Trail Continues to Grow, New Park Access Added

<https://www.exploreclarion.com/2020/10/01/rail-66-country-trail-continues-to-grow-new-park-access-added/>

## **Mining**

WFPL: Bob Murray, Who Fought Black Lung Regulations As A Coal Operator, Has Filed For Black Lung Benefits

<https://wfpl.org/bob-murray-who-fought-black-lung-regulations-as-a-coal-operator-has-filed-for-black-lung-benefits/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Pittsburgh Business Times: Labor leaders talk up benefits of natural gas industry

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/09/30/labor-leaders-talk-up-benefits-natural-gas.html>

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/09/30/olympus-energy-ceo-gets-job-running-texas-driller.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Exclusive: Olympus Energy names new CEO

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/09/30/olympus-energy-names-new-tim-dugan-ceo.html>

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<https://triblive.com/opinion/sean-oleary-no-natural-gas-driven-boom-here/>

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<https://eos.org/articles/more-gas-wells-linked-to-more-symptoms-in-pennsylvania-residents>

CBS3: 'Everybody Around This Area Will Perish': Voices For, Against Mariner East Pipeline Heard During Hearing In Delaware County

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## **Vector Management**

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## **Waste**

KDKA: Pennsylvania Resource Council announce date for annual 'Reuse Fest'

<https://www.radio.com/kdkaradio/news/prc-announce-reuse-fest-date>

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[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cussewago-township-cleanup-day/article\\_905d7c9c-035e-11eb-8a01-dfa73e910083.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cussewago-township-cleanup-day/article_905d7c9c-035e-11eb-8a01-dfa73e910083.html)

## **Water**

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Pennlive: Drought warning, watch areas expand to almost half of Pennsylvania

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[https://observer-reporter.com/business/ohio-firm-buys-arcelormittal-operations-in-u-s/article\\_d12e0ed8-0329-11eb-85f5-d7c5d2c55a99.html](https://observer-reporter.com/business/ohio-firm-buys-arcelormittal-operations-in-u-s/article_d12e0ed8-0329-11eb-85f5-d7c5d2c55a99.html)

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2020/09/30/stink-bug-trap-counts-numbers-brown-marmorated-bugs-population-increase-2020/stories/202009300179>

Pennlive: Insurer for woman whose basement was mistakenly filled with heating oil waited too long to sue, U.S. judge says

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/09/woman-whose-basement-was-mistakenly-filled-with-heating-oil-waited-too-long-to-sue-us-judge-says.html>

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<https://www.pahomepage.com/top-stories/kidder-township-police-receive-bear-complaint-call-find-bear-on-garbage-truck/>

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[https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/accuweathers-u-s-winter-forecast-calls-for-a-two-faced-season-for-millions/article\\_e17963ee-03a8-11eb-9437-7f947c16dcf9.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/accuweathers-u-s-winter-forecast-calls-for-a-two-faced-season-for-millions/article_e17963ee-03a8-11eb-9437-7f947c16dcf9.html)