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## Top DEP Stories

### ***East Palestine Derailment***

KDKA: Norfolk Southern reimburses Darlington Township \$544K to repair road damaged after derailment

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/norfolk-southern-reimburses-darlington-township-repair-road-train-derailment/>

WPXI: Communities still recovering 6 months after toxic train derailment in East Palestine

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/communities-still-recovering-6-months-after-toxic-train-derailment-east-palestine/DIAVUEHGAVHCFGSMWBAJ5TAQC4/>

WESA: 6 months since the East Palestine train derailment, concerns remain for health and railroad safety

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-08-04/east-palestine-derailment-6-months-later>

Allegheny Front: 6 MONTHS SINCE THE EAST PALESTINE TRAIN DERAILMENT, CONCERNS REMAIN FOR HEALTH AND RAILWAY SAFETY

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/east-palestine-norfolk-southern-train-derailment-health-railway-safety/>

Beaver County Radio: Rep. Deluzio Marks Six Months Since Norfolk Southern Derailment in East Palestine, Calls for Action on Rail Safety

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/rep-deluzio-marks-six-months-since-norfolk-southern-derailment-in-east-palestine-calls-for-action-on-rail-safety/>

Tribune-Review: Rep. Chris Deluzio: Derailment rattled region 6 months ago; the fight for accountability, safer freight rail continues

<https://triblive.com/opinion/rep-chris-deluzio-derailment-rattled-region-6-months-ago-the-fight-for-accountability-safer-freight-rail-continues/>

## Mentions

The Derrick: Reno water customers turn out to air concerns

[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/reno-water-customers-turn-out-to-air-concerns/article\\_32bcf8b2-3202-11ee-b319-3308a6e79041.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/reno-water-customers-turn-out-to-air-concerns/article_32bcf8b2-3202-11ee-b319-3308a6e79041.html)

PhillyVoice: Diesel tank leaks 100 gallons of fuel at the Navy Yard

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/oil-spill-philadelphia-navy-yard-coast-guard/>

Lock Haven Express: City beach closed; officials cite high bacteria levels

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2023/08/city-beach-closed/>

Sunbury Daily Item: NAPA Auto Parts and shopping plaza to be demolished  
[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/napa-auto-parts-and-shopping-plaza-to-be-demolished/article\\_53f7353e-2bd5-11ee-9bf0-83b83c4791d1.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/napa-auto-parts-and-shopping-plaza-to-be-demolished/article_53f7353e-2bd5-11ee-9bf0-83b83c4791d1.html)

## **Air**

WITF/StateImpact: ER visits plummet after Shenango Coke Works on Newville Island closed  
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/08/03/er-visits-plummet-after-shenango-coke-works-on-newville-island-closed/>

WESA: Emergency room visits plummet after Shenango Coke Works on Neville Island closed  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-08-04/health-outcomes-shenango-coke-works>

Allegheny Front: ER VISITS PLUMMET AFTER SHENANGO COKE WORKS ON NEVILLE ISLAND CLOSED  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/er-visits-plummet-after-shenango-coke-works-neville-island/>

PublicSource: Allegheny County's handling of asphalt company's pollution request leaves some feeling paved over  
<https://www.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-allegheny-county-air-quality-lindy-paving-asphalt-permit-uptown/>

## **Climate Change**

Allegheny Front: 'WE'RE LOADING THE DICE': SCIENTISTS SAY RECORD HEAT IS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/2023-heatwave-climate-change-pennsylvania/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Lancaster Newspapers: Lancaster County commissioners preserve 303 acres across four farms  
[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-county-commissioners-preserve-303-acres-across-four-farms/article\\_d2ac21e2-320f-11ee-85b8-1b6f68e5f006.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-county-commissioners-preserve-303-acres-across-four-farms/article_d2ac21e2-320f-11ee-85b8-1b6f68e5f006.html)

Phillyburbs: Sunflower selfie, anyone? It's all part of Styer Orchard field of dream plans for farm  
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2023/08/04/styer-orchards-sunflower-field-middleton-plans-new-owner-bucks-county-selfies/70521017007/>

Phillyburbs: Warwick Historical Society digs deep to preserve Eight Arch Bridge over Neshaminy Creek  
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2023/08/04/warwick-historical-society-preserve-eight-arch-bridge-buckingham/70509561007/>

Chester County Daily Local: Small Talk: Wandering around local gardens  
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/08/04/small-talk-wandering-around-local-gardens/>

Pottstown Mercury: Each year, Pottstown's Ron Richael hosts a butterfly bonanza  
<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2023/08/03/each-year-pottstowns-ron-richael-hosts-a-butterfly-bonanza/>

Allegheny Front: PENNSYLVANIA PHOTOGRAPHER WINS NATIONAL AUDUBON AWARD FOR BIRD PHOTO  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-photographer-wins-national-audubon-award-for-bird-photo/>

Daily Courier: Dunbar Township continues work to establish park  
[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/dunbar-township-continues-work-to-establish-park/article\\_a2f6ba40-32c1-11ee-a81f-7faead6ab0f4.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/dunbar-township-continues-work-to-establish-park/article_a2f6ba40-32c1-11ee-a81f-7faead6ab0f4.html)

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Out of control deer are eating up corn farmers' profits  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/08/out-of-control-deer-are-eating-up-corn-farmers-profits/>

## **Energy**

Lancaster Farming: Renewable Energy, Funding Options for Farms  
[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/renewable-energy-funding-options-for-farms/article\\_b0a5425e-2cb5-11ee-a8d7-a33abc3cf6e0.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/renewable-energy-funding-options-for-farms/article_b0a5425e-2cb5-11ee-a8d7-a33abc3cf6e0.html)

KDKA: Police need help identifying suspects in Armstrong Power Plant burglaries  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/suspects-armstrong-power-plant-burglaries/>

KDKA: Ohio-based FirstEnergy says it's being investigated by a state commission  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/firstenergy-investigated-state-commission/>

WPXI: \$990,000 civil penalty filed against Columbia Gas, 4 years after house was destroyed in explosion  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/990000-civil-penalty-filed-against-columbia-gas-4-years-after-house-was-destroyed-explosion/LIZI44XQWZBSTHJJ7DB4BNQFEY/>

Mon Valley Independent: Ribbon-cutting celebration today for solar arrays at White Oak Park  
<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2023/08/ribbon-cutting-celebration-today-for-solar-arrays-at-white-oak-park/>

Post-Gazette: Utility regulators approve \$990,000 settlement with Columbia Gas over 2019 house explosion in North Franklin  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/08/03/utility-regulators-puc-columbia-gas-house-explosion-north-franklin/stories/202308030103>

Appalachian Voices: Proposed Regional Hydrogen Energy Hubs Raise Concerns  
<https://appvoices.org/2023/08/03/hydrogen-hubs/>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Philadelphia Tribune: Council hearing examines Philly schools building issues  
[https://www.phillytrib.com/news/local\\_news/council-hearing-examines-philly-schools-building-issues/article\\_ce567a68-815f-5426-acde-e710566ac033.html](https://www.phillytrib.com/news/local_news/council-hearing-examines-philly-schools-building-issues/article_ce567a68-815f-5426-acde-e710566ac033.html)

Philadelphia Inquirer: Developer Hilco meets PhillyThrive and South Philly residents in a sometimes tense meeting over former refinery site

<https://www.inquirer.com/real-estate/commercial/hilco-philadelphia-refinery-philly-thrive-20230803.html>

KDKA: Consultant recommends \$44.4M plan to rehabilitate former state prison site in Pittsburgh

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/consultant-recommends-plan-rehabilitate-former-state-prison-site-pittsburgh/>

Shamokin News-Item: Coal Township alleges that county general authority is owner of two blighted properties; Township commissioner says buildings are in 'total disrepair'

[https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/coal-township-alleges-that-county-general-authority-is-owner-of-two-blighted-properties-township-commissioner/article\\_e0734b84-704b-5cb1-9156-8581308aee78.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/coal-township-alleges-that-county-general-authority-is-owner-of-two-blighted-properties-township-commissioner/article_e0734b84-704b-5cb1-9156-8581308aee78.html)

## **Oil and Gas**

Mon Valley Independent: Rostraver man claims well pad contractors trespassed on his property

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2023/08/rostraver-man-claims-well-pad-contractors-trespassed-on-his-property/>

## **Vector Management**

Delco Times: 10 West Nile Virus mosquito pools found in Delaware County this week

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/08/03/13-west-nile-mosquito-pools-found-in-delaware-county-this-week/>

Allegheny Front: VACCINE BAITING PROGRAM DRIVING DOWN RABIES RATE IN PITTSBURGH RACCOONS

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/vaccine-baiting-program-driving-down-rabies-rate-in-pittsburgh-raccoons/>

Allegheny Front: VACCINATING RACCOONS AGAINST RABIES IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY TO STOP ITS SPREAD WEST

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/vaccinating-raccoons-against-rabies-in-allegheny-county-to-stop-its-spread-westward/>

## **Water**

Bradford Era: Red House Beach closed due to harmful algal bloom

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/red-house-beach-closed-due-to-harmful-algal-bloom/article\\_fb2b0438-3243-11ee-8423-4fe39fc139d4.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/red-house-beach-closed-due-to-harmful-algal-bloom/article_fb2b0438-3243-11ee-8423-4fe39fc139d4.html)

Butler Eagle: Municipal stormwater workshop planned

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230804/municipal-stormwater-workshop-planned/>

Record Argus: EPA working to remove PCBs from Sharon section of Shenango River

<https://www.recordargusnews.com/articles/epa-working-to-remove-pcbs-from-sharon-section-of-shenango-river/>

WICU-TV: 15 Dog Swimming Advisories in Place in Erie County

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/49338920/15-dog-swimming-advisories-in-place-in-erie-county>

Sharon Herald: EPA plans Superfund cleanup in Sharon

[https://www.sharonherald.com/news/epa-plans-superfund-cleanup-in-sharon/article\\_fa8ed7fa-324f-11ee-8f20-4f7bc8d573af.html](https://www.sharonherald.com/news/epa-plans-superfund-cleanup-in-sharon/article_fa8ed7fa-324f-11ee-8f20-4f7bc8d573af.html)

Lancaster Farming: Residents Fear Polluted Runoff From Municipality's Biosolid Spreading Plan

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/residents-fear-polluted-runoff-from-municipalities-biosolid-spreading-plan/article\\_a9fa54d2-313b-11ee-820d-bb123953e8eb.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/residents-fear-polluted-runoff-from-municipalities-biosolid-spreading-plan/article_a9fa54d2-313b-11ee-820d-bb123953e8eb.html)

Lewistown Sentinel: Officials address contaminated water with CDBG funds

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2023/08/officials-address-contaminated-water-with-cdbg-funds/>

Phillyburbs: The fight to repair New Hope bridge goes to court over water and access concerns

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2023/08/04/fight-over-upper-union-mills-bridge-in-new-hope-goes-to-court-bucks-county-water-sewer-authority-pa/70524546007/>

## **West Nile**

York Dispatch: Discovery of West Nile virus in six new York County municipalities prompts mosquito advisory

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/york-county/2023/08/03/discovery-of-west-nile-virus-in-six-new-york-county-municipalities-prompts-mosquito-advisory/70520871007/>

FOX43: Mosquito samples collected in 6 locations across York County test positive for West Nile Virus, county officials say

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/health/west-nile-virus-positive-samples-york-county-multiple-locations/521-cd4aa985-d23e-47b1-899a-98feba826014>

WGAL: West Nile Virus found in six York County municipalities

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-york-county-west-nile-virus-multiple-towns/44724053>