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## **Top DEP Stories**

Scranton Times: Caution due on landfill's water plans

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/caution-due-on-landfill-s-water-plans-1.2575866>

Express-Times: State suspends permit review for biosolids plant, formerly planned for Slate Belt

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/2019/12/state-suspends-permit-review-for-biosolids-plant-formerly-planned-for-slate-belt.html>

Tribune-Review: Jeannette hemp plant fined, permitted to reopen

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/jeannette-hemp-plant-gets-dep-fines-permission-to-reopen/>

Beaver County Times: New study outlines coal mining impacts on buildings, water

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20191223/new-study-outlines-coal-mining-impacts-on-buildings-water>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Local hemp facility allowed to resume limited operations

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/12/26/local-hemp-facility-allowed-to-resume-limited.html>

## **Mentions**

WJET-TV: Governor Wolf's GreenGov Council inviting public feedback on green practices within state agencies

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/governor-wolfs-green-gov-council-inviting-public-feedback-on-green-practices-within-state-agencies/>

## **Air**

KDKA: Air Quality Improves In Mon Valley After Recent Troubles

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2019/12/26/air-quality-improves-in-mon-valley-after-pollution-plagues-the-area/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: South Philly refinery, a big polluter, shut down 6 months ago. So, do we have cleaner air?

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/philadelphia-air-quality-pollution-refinery-pes-curious-philly-20191226.html>

Pittsburgh Patch: UPDATED: Bad Air Quality & How U.S. Steel Can Be a Good Neighbor

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/pittsburgh/recent-bad-air-quality-how-u-s-steel-can-be-better-neighbor>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Year in Review: A roller coaster year for U.S. Steel

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/12/26/year-in-review-a-roller-coaster-year-for-u-s-steel.html>

## **Conservation & Recreation**

CBS21: Pennsylvania hosts first day hikes at State Parks on New Year's Day

<https://local21news.com/news/local/pennsylvania-hosts-first-day-hikes-at-state-parks-on-new-years-day>

Ridgway Record: Pennsylvania hosts First Day Hikes at state parks on New Year's Day (pg 5)

<https://www.ridgwayrecord.com/sites/default/files/RR-12-27-19.pdf>

WICU-TV: Pennsylvania State Parks to Host Walks, Hikes for New Year

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/41495339/pennsylvania-state-parks-to-host-walks-hikes-for-new-year>

Gant News: Pennsylvania Hosts First Day Hikes at State Parks on New Year's Day

<https://gantdaily.com/2019/12/27/pennsylvania-hosts-first-day-hikes-at-state-parks-on-new-years-day/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: First Day Hikes will be held at state parks Jan. 1

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/122719/page/4/story/first-day-hikes-will-be-held-at-state-parks-jan-1>

## **Energy**

Huntingdon Daily News: Energy usage up in winter

[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/energy-usage-up-in-winter/article\\_eefd17a2-309b-5fec-a94a-757295f1c0d6.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/energy-usage-up-in-winter/article_eefd17a2-309b-5fec-a94a-757295f1c0d6.html)

Republican Herald: Energy firm awaits decision on civil suit

<https://www.republicanherald.com/news/energy-firm-awaits-decision-on-civil-suit-1.2576059>

NPR.org: Trump vs. Toilets

<https://www.npr.org/2019/12/27/791660738/trump-vs-toilets>

## **Oil and Gas**

WHYY: Six months after the fire, both ex-refinery workers and PES struggle to find new lives

<https://whyy.org/articles/six-months-after-the-fire-both-ex-refinery-workers-and-pes-struggle-to-find-new-lives/>

WTAE: Three people taken to hospital after carbon monoxide incident in Brentwood home, officials say

<https://www.wtae.com/article/three-people-taken-to-hospital-after-carbon-monoxide-incident-in-brentwood-home-officials-say/30338195>

## **Radiation Protection**

LA Times: Terrorists could make a 'dirty bomb' from this common medical device; why regulators won't act

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2019-12-27/cesium-137-dirty-bomb>

## **Vector Management**

Bradford Era: Spotting the spotted lanternfly

[http://www.bradfordera.com/bradford/spotting-the-spotted-lanternfly/article\\_8308c39a-0890-59af-a6cf-d9eb6f4a8a2d.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/bradford/spotting-the-spotted-lanternfly/article_8308c39a-0890-59af-a6cf-d9eb6f4a8a2d.html)

## **Waste**

FOX43: Drop off your Christmas Tree & turn it into free mulch

<https://fox43.com/2019/12/26/drop-off-your-christmas-tree-turn-it-into-free-mulch/>

FOX43: Central Park Offers Christmas Tree Recycling in Lancaster

<https://fox43.com/2019/12/26/central-park-offers-christmas-tree-recycling-in-lancaster/>

WGAL: Where you can recycle your real Christmas trees

<https://www.wgal.com/article/where-you-can-recycle-your-real-christmas-trees/30333284>

Times Leader: Griffin and group not messing around with litter cleanups

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/767138/griffin-and-group-not-messing-around-with-litter-cleanups>

Citizen's Voice: Litter cleanup set for Saturday in Wilkes-Barre

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/litter-cleanup-set-for-saturday-in-wilkes-barre-1.2575895>

## **Water**

Butler Eagle: Resident shares concerns over erosion, flooding

<http://www.butlereagle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20191227/NEWS01/712279899>

Potter Leader-Enterprise: Rumors swirl around town concerning inmate toilets, water supply at jail

[http://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter\\_leader\\_enterprise/rumors-swirl-around-town-concerning-inmate-toilets-water-supply-at/article\\_ff9651dd-afd9-58af-99ed-17953c747505.html](http://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter_leader_enterprise/rumors-swirl-around-town-concerning-inmate-toilets-water-supply-at/article_ff9651dd-afd9-58af-99ed-17953c747505.html)

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Westfield accepts sewer plant bids; additional funding needed for project

[http://www.tiogapublishing.com/free\\_press\\_courier/news/westfield-accepts-sewer-plant-bids-additional-funding-needed-for-project/article\\_1b04f1bf-bdf7-5155-a262-929eede6e837.html](http://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/westfield-accepts-sewer-plant-bids-additional-funding-needed-for-project/article_1b04f1bf-bdf7-5155-a262-929eede6e837.html)

WPXI: Water main break at Kennywood causes food stands to close during 'Holiday Lights'

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/top-stories/water-main-break-kennywood-causes-food-stands-close-during-holiday-lights/7SPHMM5WUFDELCNSHBY2E7BRYQ/>

KDKA: Crews Work On Water Main In Hazelwood

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2019/12/26/crews-work-on-water-main-in-hazelwood/>

## **Miscellaneous**

KDKA: Allegheny County Has Most Confirmed Flu Cases In Pennsylvania

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2019/12/26/allegheny-county-has-most-flu-cases-in-pennsylvania/>

Times Leader: Luzerne County wants to remove black stains on River Common walls

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/767132/luzerne-county-wants-to-remove-black-stains-on-river-common-walls>

Tribune-Review: Western Pa. received plenty of precipitation in 2019, but a record is unlikely

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/western-pa-got-plenty-precipitation-in-2019-but-probably-not-a-new-rainfall-record/>

Beaver County Times: Community extends help to Erie Coke workers

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20191227/community-extends-help-to-erie-coke-workers>

USA Today: Heavy road salt use in winter is a growing problem, scientists say

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/12/24/winter-weather-road-salt-use-problems/2741286001/>