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### **Top DEP Clips**

Scranton Times: Landfill, DEP reach agreement to accept waste in lieu of \$113,000 fine  
[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/landfill-dep-reach-agreement-to-accept-waste-in-lieu-of-113-000-fine/article\\_650aaf23-b221-518a-b9ae-acc3521fa777.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/landfill-dep-reach-agreement-to-accept-waste-in-lieu-of-113-000-fine/article_650aaf23-b221-518a-b9ae-acc3521fa777.html)

### **Mentions**

Indiana Gazette: DEP investigating persistent sewage issue  
[https://www.indianagazette.com/news/dep-investigating-persistent-sewage-issue/article\\_759b296e-3c8d-11eb-81ee-ab9c11d68543.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/news/dep-investigating-persistent-sewage-issue/article_759b296e-3c8d-11eb-81ee-ab9c11d68543.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Think globally, act regionally (Opinion)  
[https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/think-globally-act-regionally/article\\_0d19c347-8143-58e5-abce-29db5f87d303.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/think-globally-act-regionally/article_0d19c347-8143-58e5-abce-29db5f87d303.html)

### **PFAS**

Bucks County Courier Times: Bucks, Montgomery area PFAS study begins recruitment this spring  
<https://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/story/business/2020/12/11/pfas-health-study-drinking-water-contamination-bucks-county-pa/3857662001/>

### **Air**

WJET-TV: World's carbon dioxide emissions dropped 7% in pandemic-hit 2020  
<https://www.yourerie.com/health/coronavirus/worlds-carbon-dioxide-emissions-dropped-7-in-pandemic-hit-2020/>

Post-Gazette: Mon Valley air bad again  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2020/12/11/Allegheny-County-Mon-Valley-air-bad-again-Code-Red-Air-Quality/stories/202012110159>

Post-Gazette: HazMat team responds to Strip District for strange odor  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2020/12/11/HazMat-team-responds-to-Strip-District-for-strange-odor/stories/202012110165>

Tribune-Review: Pittsburgh's hazmat team responds to ammonia leak in Strip District  
<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburghs-hazmat-team-responds-to-ammonia-leak-in-strip-district/>

### **Climate Change**

Scranton Times: Schott plans to be carbon neutral by 2030  
[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/business/schott-plans-to-be-carbon-neutral-by-2030/article\\_3ef05d05-394e-547e-a1eb-c36aacc76f5b.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/business/schott-plans-to-be-carbon-neutral-by-2030/article_3ef05d05-394e-547e-a1eb-c36aacc76f5b.html)

AP: Five years on, signs that Paris climate accord is working

<https://apnews.com/article/paris-europe-climate-climate-change-e005822b0c98b188736f623a1fcd4256>

The Guardian: US to hold world climate summit early next year and seek to rejoin Paris accord  
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/dec/14/us-to-hold-world-climate-summit-early-next-year-and-seek-to-rejoin-paris-accord>

Beaver County Times: Community Matters: Why RiverWise supports the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative  
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/columns/2020/12/13/community-matters-why-riverwise-supports-regional-greenhouse-gas-initiative/6515908002/>

## **Conservation & Recreation**

Reading Eagle: Conservation win should be celebrated (Opinion)  
[https://www.readingeagle.com/opinion/guest-commentary-conservation-win-should-be-celebrated-opinion/article\\_84d6b8fe-3ad9-11eb-aa12-031fffd42b83.html](https://www.readingeagle.com/opinion/guest-commentary-conservation-win-should-be-celebrated-opinion/article_84d6b8fe-3ad9-11eb-aa12-031fffd42b83.html)

Post-Gazette: Endangered-species decision expected on beloved butterfly  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2020/12/14/Endangered-species-decision-expected-on-beloved-butterfly-monarch/stories/202012140058>

Tribune-Review: Test your eagle eyes at Mercer County spotting festival  
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/test-your-eagle-eyes-at-mercercounty-spotting-festival/>

Beaver County Times: Over the Garden Gate: Permaculture is gardening that imitates nature  
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/lifestyle/home-garden/2020/12/14/over-garden-gate-permaculture-gardening-imitates-nature/6521740002/>

## **Energy**

Tribune-Review: Official: Weather may be factor in dip in demand for state heating assistance  
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/official-weather-may-be-factor-in-dip-in-demand-for-state-heating-assistance/>

WPXI: Pennsylvania awards Pittsburgh state grant for electric vehicle fleet chargers  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/business/pennsylvania-awards-pittsburgh-state-grant-electric-vehicle-fleet-chargers/UZHYJMF45ELRHAIP7JVLVDWI4/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Electric car owners' fair share  
<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-electric-car-owners-fair-share/>

## **Mining**

Times Leader: Luzerne County Council weighs proposed tax break for Hazleton project  
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.timesleader.com/news/812909/luzerne-county-council-weighs-proposed-tax-break-for-hazleton-project/amp>

## **Oil and Gas**

Beaver County Times: Shell reports 61 new cracker plant cases this week

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/2020/12/12/shell-reports-61-new-cracker-plant-cases-week/6509323002/>

KDKA: Fire Contained To Storage Container At Shell Cracker Plant

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/12/13/fire-contained-to-storage-container-at-shell-cracker-plant/>

## **Waste**

Herald-Standard: Fayette's new recycling center will receive a \$350,000 grant

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/fayettes-new-recycling-center-will-receive-a-350-000-grant/article\\_ff27ac12-3994-11eb-9b3a-5786b0623bcf.html](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/fayettes-new-recycling-center-will-receive-a-350-000-grant/article_ff27ac12-3994-11eb-9b3a-5786b0623bcf.html)

## **Water**

The Allegheny Front: Groups Look to Protect Pennsylvania's Lake Erie Watershed with Common Goals

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/groups-look-to-protect-pennsylvanias-lake-erie-watershed-with-common-goals/>

Scranton Times: Judge gives final approval of \$7M sewer easement settlement

[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/judge-gives-final-approval-of-7m-sewer-easement-settlement/article\\_0bfc9117-6818-526f-b678-024b45c99e3a.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/judge-gives-final-approval-of-7m-sewer-easement-settlement/article_0bfc9117-6818-526f-b678-024b45c99e3a.html)

Allegheny Front: Groups Look to Protect Pennsylvania's Lake Erie Watershed with Common Goals

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/groups-look-to-protect-pennsylvanias-lake-erie-watershed-with-common-goals/>

Tribune-Review: Kiski Township to create sewage authority to oversee \$16M project

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/kiski-township-to-create-sewage-authority-to-oversee-16m-project/>

Tribune-Review: New \$148,000 grant to replace old faulty waterlines in New Kensington, Lower Burrell

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/new-148000-grant-to-replace-old-faulty-waterlines-in-new-kensington-and-lower-burrell/>

Tribune-Review: New \$250,000 waterline installation project in Upper Burrell won't stop traffic, will improve water

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/new-250000-waterline-installation-project-in-upper-burrell-wont-stop-traffic-will-improve-water/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Pittsburgh City Paper: Pittsburgh councilor Corey O'Connor wants to reallocate some city budget funds away from Mon-Oakland Connector proposal

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/pittsburgh-councilor-corey-oconnor-wants-to-reallocate-some-city-budget-funds-away-from-mon-oakland-connector-proposal/Content?oid=18537454>