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## Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: Drilling under Dimock, Pennsylvania's 'Gasland' town has been banned since 2010. It's coming back

[https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/nation-world/drilling-under-dimock-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back/article\\_6e84aea5-beb7-596d-80e5-0025ae6d12a4.html](https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/nation-world/drilling-under-dimock-pennsylvanias-gasland-town-has-been-banned-since-2010-its-coming-back/article_6e84aea5-beb7-596d-80e5-0025ae6d12a4.html)

## Mentions

Indiana Gazette: Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County urges mandatory water conservation

[https://www.indianagazette.com/news/municipal-authority-of-westmoreland-county-urges-mandatory-water-conservation/article\\_0dc52d08-9455-5b87-a858-0f47a87a7bed.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/news/municipal-authority-of-westmoreland-county-urges-mandatory-water-conservation/article_0dc52d08-9455-5b87-a858-0f47a87a7bed.html)

DV Journal: Poll: PA Voters Don't Want Shapiro To Push State Into RGGI Deal

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/poll-pa-voters-dont-want-shapiro-to-push-state-into-rggi-deal/>

WITF: Community leaders prepare Priority Climate Action Plan

<https://www.witf.org/2023/12/19/community-leaders-prepare-priority-climate-action-plan/>

TribLive: Pitcairn emergency management coordinator wants 'eye-watering' odor addressed

<https://triblive.com/local/monroeville/pitcairn-emergency-management-coordinator-wants-eye-watering-odor-addressed/>

Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Blog: PUBLIC INFO MEETING ON LYCOMING CREEK RE-DESIGNATION REPORTS SET FOR 7 P.M. MARCH 1 AT LYCOMING COLLEGE

<https://www.middlesusquehannariverkeeper.org/blog/public-info-meeting-on-lycoming-creek-re-designation-reports-set-for-7-pm-march-1-at-lycoming-college>

## Air

Post- Gazette: Allegheny County Child Care Centers To Receive Funding To Improve Indoor Air Quality

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/social-services/2023/12/20/allegheny-county-child-care-centers-indoor-air-quality/stories/202312190096>

## Climate Change

PA Capital-Star Guest Essay: More vulnerable people live in Philadelphia neighborhoods that are less green and get hotter

<https://www.penncapital-star.com/commentary/more-vulnerable-people-live-in-philadelphia-neighborhoods-that-are-less-green-and-get-hotter/>

WITF: As climate warms, that perfect Christmas tree may depend on growers' ability to adapt

<https://www.witf.org/2023/12/19/as-climate-warms-that-perfect-christmas-tree-may-depend-on-growers-ability-to-adapt/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

PA Environment Digest Blog: Western PA Conservancy Watershed Mini Grant Supports Creek Connections Program

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/12/alleggheny-college-western-pa.html>

Lebtown.com: Travel down the Swatara Creek without getting wet with SWA's 360° virtual tour

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Herald- Standard: The Pennsylvania Game Commission investigating illegal black bear killing

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/2023/dec/20/the-pennsylvania-game-commission-investigating-illegal-black-bear-killing/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2023/dec/20/the-pennsylvania-game-commission-investigating-illegal-black-bear-killing/)

## **Energy**

Pittsburgh Business Times: Diversified Energy shares drop sharply after Democrats start well probe

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/12/19/diversified-energy-shares-drop.html>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

WFMZ: EPA provides update on cleanup at Lincoln Chemical Building

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## **Oil and Gas**

Lock Haven Express: BE Twp. supers approve preliminary plans for Wawa gas station

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## **Waste**

Scranton Times: DEP explains process following Keystone Sanitary Landfill odor violation

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Carlisle Sentinel: States trashing troves of masks and pandemic gear as huge, costly stockpiles linger and expire

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CBS21: No vote on trash fee, 2024 budget as Harrisburg City Council goes into recess

<https://local21news.com/news/local/no-vote-on-trash-fee-2024-budget-as-harrisburg-city-council-goes-into-recess#>

## **Water**

Meadville Tribune: \$500K in grants for sewer, water projects

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Huntingdon Daily News: Water authorities receive \$385,000 in grants

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WTAJ: Blair County receives \$3.5 million for water, sewer projects

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/blair-county-receives-3-5-million-for-water-sewer-projects/>

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Beaver County Radio: Matzie: More than \$3.7 million awarded for District 16 water, wastewater projects

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