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## Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: State regulators fine U.S. Steel for releasing oil into Monongahela River  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/12/04/us-steel-monongahela-river-oil/stories/202512040125>

Tribune-Review: U.S. Steel fined for leaking oil into Monongahela River  
<https://triblive.com/business/u-s-steel-fined-for-leaking-oil-into-monongahela-river/>

## Air

WHYY: How Trump's rollbacks to vehicle mileage rules could impact Philly air quality  
<https://whyy.org/articles/trump-vehicle-mileage-rules-air-quality-emissions-philly/>

## Climate Change

LehighValleyNews: Bethlehem EAC hears climate action outreach presentation, recognizes 250-year-old elm tree  
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/bethlehem-eac-hears-climate-action-outreach-presentation-recognizes-250-year-old-elm-tree>

## Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Ruffed grouse need a mix of young and old forests, and this grant will help  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/12/05/ruffed-grouse-elk-us-dept-agriculture-grant/stories/202512040013>

Morning Call: After Early Snow, Lehigh Valley Ski Resorts Open  
<https://www.mcall.com/2025/12/05/lehigh-valley-area-ski-resorts-open-whats-new-2025-26-season/>

Erie Times: How this PA man converts Lake Erie trash into an artist's masterpiece  
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/12/05/lake-erie-leftovers-art-piece-douglas-bailey-erie-county-pa/87604719007/?tbref=hp>

Times Observer: Progress Made: North Country Trail Association recaps 2025 projects  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/12/progress-made-north-country-trail-association-recaps-2025-progress/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Lycoming Audubon Society restores critical bird habitat at Robert Porter Allen Natural Area

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/lycoming-audubon-restores-critical-bird-habitat/article\\_2e771873-5127-4372-8bc4-0309a56bdecd.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/lycoming-audubon-restores-critical-bird-habitat/article_2e771873-5127-4372-8bc4-0309a56bdecd.html)

## **Data Centers**

WFMZ: With massive data center proposal looming, Upper Macungie amends zoning with regulations

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/western-lehigh-county/with-massive-data-center-proposal-looming-upper-macungie-amends-zoning-with-regulations/article\\_a31515e6-1865-489d-831f-a770f3a400a3.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/western-lehigh-county/with-massive-data-center-proposal-looming-upper-macungie-amends-zoning-with-regulations/article_a31515e6-1865-489d-831f-a770f3a400a3.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories)

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Talen withdraws zoning request for 25 acres in Derry Township

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120525/page/1/story/talen-withdraws-zoning-request-for-25-acres-in-derry-township>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Anthony Supers letter asks for denial of Talen zoning request

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120525/page/1/story/anthony-supers-letter-asks-for-denial>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Residents say no to data centers (LTE)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/letters/2025/12/residents-say-no/>

## **Energy**

Beaver County Radio: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Approves Substantially Reduced Rate Changes for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/pennsylvania-public-utility-commission-approves-substantially-reduced-rate-changes-for-columbia-gas-of-pennsylvania/>

ABC27: Regulators slash requested natural gas rate hike for some Pennsylvania customers

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/regulators-slash-requested-natural-gas-rate-hike-for-some-pennsylvania-customers/>

Lock Haven Express: PA opens energy assistance applications today

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/12/pa-opens-energy-assistance-applications-today/>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Centre Daily Times: What's happening at this long-vacant State College gas station?

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article313339612.html?tbref=hp>

## **Water**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Water main break forces closure of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County offices and courts

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2025/12/05/downtown-pittsburgh-water-main-allegheny-county-courts/stories/202512050066>

KDKA: Water main break closes Allegheny County Courthouse, county sheriff's offices

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/downtown-water-main-break-county-courthouse-closure/>

WTAE: Allegheny County courts and sheriff's office closed Friday after water main break

<https://www.wtae.com/article/allegheny-county-courthouse-water-main-break/69643788>

Beaver County Radio: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to Investigate Pennsylvania American Water Company's Rate Increase Request for Water and Wastewater Service

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/pennsylvania-public-utility-commission-to-investigate-pennsylvania-american-water-companys-rate-increase-request-for-water-and-wastewater-service/>

Allegheny Front: Gov. Shapiro to lead multi-state Chesapeake Bay group, amid waterway's health dip

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/shapiro-multi-state-chesapeake-bay-group-pollution/>

The Derrick: Upgrades at Franklin wastewater treatment plant near completion

[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/updates-at-franklin-wastewater-treatment-plant-near-completion/article\\_31ff1dc9-ae20-4102-96fb-8d8b11d0d6dd.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/updates-at-franklin-wastewater-treatment-plant-near-completion/article_31ff1dc9-ae20-4102-96fb-8d8b11d0d6dd.html)

Lancaster Online: East Petersburg finalizes 2026 budget with no tax hike, but residents will pay more for water

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/east-petersburg-finalizes-2026-budget-with-no-tax-hike-but-residents-will-pay-more-for/article\\_12f94aa7-f336-44c6-9fa0-a978fa545b91.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/east-petersburg-finalizes-2026-budget-with-no-tax-hike-but-residents-will-pay-more-for/article_12f94aa7-f336-44c6-9fa0-a978fa545b91.html)

Altoona Mirror: Bellwood dam, water treatment plant project nears end

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/12/bellwood-dam-water-treatment-plant-project-nears-end/>

WFMZ: <https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/12/bellwood-dam-water-treatment-plant-project-nears-end/>

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/public-utility-commission-suspends-pa-american-water-rate-increases-pending-investigation/article\\_582e9fae-3d7c-4a85-a1a7-d7f7e9e354b1.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/public-utility-commission-suspends-pa-american-water-rate-increases-pending-investigation/article_582e9fae-3d7c-4a85-a1a7-d7f7e9e354b1.html)

ABC27: PUC to investigate Pennsylvania American Water Company's proposed rate increase

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/puc-to-investigate-pennsylvania-american-water-companys-proposed-rate-increase/>

Lock Haven Express: Shapiro Admin awards \$1.2M for Centre County sewer project

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/12/shapiro-admin-awards-1-2-million-for-centre-county-sewer-project/>

## Miscellaneous

Citizen's Voice: Aging secretary meets with local officials

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/12/04/aging-secretary-meets-with-local-officials/>

Standard Speaker: Hazleton police plan to use drones as first responders

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/12/04/hazleton-police-plan-to-use-drones-as-first-responders/>

York Dispatch: 200-acre warehouse complex will be considered in Dover Township

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/12/04/dover-township-york-county-pennsylvania-warehouse-amazon-conewago-township/87604562007/>

Altoona Mirror: New state budget supports rare earth mineral extraction

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/12/pa-budget-supports-rare-mineral-extraction/>