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Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: DEP to review proposal to expand no-drill zones around homes, schools, streams

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/12/09/pennsylvania-gas-fracking-well-setbacks/stories/202512090072>

Mentions

Press Enterprise: Official: State DEP oversaw sewage-sludge spreading

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120925/page/1/story/official-state-dep-oversaw-sewage-sludge-spreading>

The News-Item: DEP shares grant application, project assistance tool with city's sustainability coalition

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/dep-shares-grant-application-project-assistance-tool-with-citys-sustainability-coalition/article_3fc01a82-2277-404a-a287-cb824b04d582.html

Meadville Tribune: Titusville begins to look at jet fuel leak at airport

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/titusville-begins-to-look-at-jet-fuel-leak-at-airport/article_48bfa0d3-b6d5-4d70-9d12-122dabddbd8.html

Coal Region Canary: DEP Flags Major Volume, Sampling Violations at Schuylkill County Biosolids Facility

<https://coalregioncanary.com/2025/12/10/dep-notice-of-violation-natural-soil-products-schuylkill-county-december-2025/>

Air

WESA: How Trump's rollbacks to vehicle mileage rules could impact Pa. air quality

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-12-10/trump-vehicle-mileage-air-quality>

Conservation and Recreation

Observer-Reporter: Riverfront Park Associates supporting improvements at Point Marion Park

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/dec/09/riverfront-park-associates-supporting-improvements-at-point-marion-park/>

NEXTpittsburgh: These Indiana towns offer a winter escape where you truly can howl with the wolves

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/travel/indiana-towns-offer-a-winter-escape-where-you-truly-can-howl-with-the-wolves/>

Clarion News: Shapiro Administration invests nearly \$2 million in tree projects

https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/shapiro-administration-invests-nearly-2-million-in-tree-projects/article_ae42e40a-167f-4fc9-afb8-36b9c16a4c15.html

Data Centers

Tribune-Review: Springdale residents, environmental groups gather to oppose data center; more events planned

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-residents-environmental-groups-gather-to-oppose-data-center-more-events-planned/>

Scranton Times: Mayfield to hold public hearing on data center legislation Wednesday

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/12/09/mayfield-to-hold-public-hearing-on-data-center-legislation-wednesday/>

Energy

WFMZ: This is opposed by literally everyone': Dozens speak out against PPL rate increase

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/this-is-opposed-by-literally-everyone-dozens-speak-out-against-ppl-rate-increase/article_3ecf4713-7cbb-4be8-90ce-3554067535f8.html

LehighValleyNews: 'Life is becoming unaffordable': Residents oppose PPL's proposed rate hike at hearing in Catasauqua

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/business/consumer-affairs-news/life-is-becoming-unaffordable-residents-oppose-ppls-proposed-rate-hike-at-hearing-in-catasauqua>

WFMZ: 'This is opposed by literally everyone': Dozens speak out against PPL rate increase

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

69 News: Public meeting this week to discuss potentially cancer-causing chemicals near old landfill

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/eastern-berks-county/public-meeting-this-week-to-discuss-potentially-cancer-causing-chemicals-near-old-landfill/article_064c84bd-69e8-46f9-9d28-acece5a7ae13.html

Mining

Lebtown: Cornwall debates blasting ordinance as expert questions 1,000-foot radius req

<https://lebtown.com/2025/12/10/cornwall-debates-blasting-ordinance-as-expert-questions-1000-foot-radius-req/>

PFAS

Press Enterprise: Geisinger to study chemicals

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121025/page/1/story/geisinger-to-study-chemicals>

Vector Management

The Daily Item: Union County to introduce mosquito-borne disease program coordinator

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/union-county-to-introduce-mosquito-borne-disease-program-coordinator/article_5ce9f749-e17b-43f2-9188-984811eafb84.html

Waste

The Mon valley Independent: Rostraver commissioners dissolve sewage board

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/12/10/rostraver-commissioners-dissolve-sewage-board/>

WJAC: Federal grant secures \$1.2M for Eagle Creek sewer upgrade amid CDBG program uncertainty

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/federal-grant-secures-12m-for-eagle-creek-sewer-upgrade-amid-cdbg-program-uncertainty>

Tribune-Review: Brackenridge garbage rates remain steady but residents to pay for oversized items

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/brackenridge-garbage-rates-remain-steady-but-residents-to-pay-for-oversized-items/>

Lancaster Online: Fulton Township supervisors balance budget with rainy day funds; hear landfill proposal

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/fulton-township-supervisors-balance-budget-with-rainy-day-funds-hear-landfill-proposal/article_0790711a-8e14-45aa-82f3-c7205588deb6.html

WFMZ: Public meeting this week to discuss potentially cancer-causing chemicals near old landfill

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/eastern-berks-county/public-meeting-this-week-to-discuss-potentially-cancer-causing-chemicals-near-old-landfill/article_064c84bd-69e8-46f9-9d28-acece5a7ae13.html

Water

Tribune-Review: Greensburg funds easement for Northmont flood control project

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/greensburg-funds-easement-for-northmont-flood-control-project/>

Lancaster Online: Conestoga River up for PA River of the Year; here's how to vote, and how the win could honor Ad Crable

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/conestoga-river-up-for-pa-river-of-the-year-here-s-how-to-vote-and/article_c6d0cacb-9572-4dea-9232-3a86f33c82c9.html

Lancaster Online: Clay to complete streambank restoration, public works projects; new rules set for short-term rentals

https://lancasteronline.com/news/ephrata/clay-to-complete-streambank-restoration-public-works-projects-new-rules-set-for-short-term-rentals/article_243bbf57-9cdf-415d-9684-263423fd974e.html

ABC27: Cumberland County will not demolish historic bridge

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/carlisle-west-shore/cumberland-county-will-not-demolish-historic-bridge/>

Miscellaneous

LehighValleyNews: Allentown planning officials approve 7-building, 180-unit East Side apartment complex

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/allentown/allentown-planning-officials-approve-7-building-180-unit-east-side-apartment-complex>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: The Frankford Arsenal once housed Philly's narcotics unit. The site gave officers brain cancer, lawsuits say.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/philadelphia-police-narcotics-unit-frankford-arsenal-brain-cancer-lawsuits-20251209.html>

WHYY: South Philly's Bellwether District has its first tenant. Here's what to know about DrinkPAK

<https://whyy.org/articles/bellwether-district-south-philadelphia-drinkpak-pes-refinery/>

Huntingdon Daily News: County hazard mitigation plan approved

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/county-hazard-mitigation-plan-approved/article_a84e81e9-3873-484f-af29-c441783a686a.html

FOX43: Wildlife center shares heartfelt plea to hunters after sick bald eagle dies

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/wildlife-center-shares-heartfelt-plea-to-hunters-after-taking-in-sick-bald-eagle-lead-ammo/521-939f34e0-bc0c-4da3-a1b5-8905cbb691ab>