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Top DEP Stories

KDKA: Emergency work to plug 2 abandoned wells leaking methane in Scott Township
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/work-to-plug-abandoned-wells-leaking-scott-township/>

WPXI: DEP starting emergency project to plug 2 leaking abandoned gas wells in Allegheny County
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/dep-starting-emergency-project-plug-2-leaking-abandoned-gas-wells-allegheny-county/GXECVVPOMVCWJHLEH4LYV6YCWA/>

Tribune-Review: Work underway to plug 2 abandoned gas wells in Scott
<https://triblive.com/local/carlynton/work-underway-to-plug-2-abandoned-gas-wells-in-scott/>

Mentions

Republican Herald: Trees cleared for possible development in Pottsville
https://www.republicanherald.com/news/trees-cleared-for-possible-development-in-pottsville/article_6b700487-e18e-52c8-a385-1fab7272d009.html

Tribune-Review: Study finds elevated levels of forever chemicals in rivers near Western Pa. wastewater plants
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/study-finds-elevated-levels-of-forever-chemicals-in-rivers-near-western-pa-wastewater-plants/>

Milton Standard-Journal: Yaw introduces bill to repeal carbon tax
https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/article_f75fa837-dd5e-545d-9529-b21c6fcb7ec4.html

StateCollege.com: State Awards \$510K to Protect Centre County Watersheds
<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/state-awards-510k-to-protect-centre-county-watersheds/>

East Palestine Train Derailment

New Castle News: Frustrations and feathers: East Palestine forever changed from derailment
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/frustrations-and-feathers-east-palestine-forever-changed-from-derailment/article_d7ed232a-c393-11ee-84d1-1f4053f47fff.html

New Castle News: Railroads say they're making safety changes to reduce derailments after fiery Ohio crash
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/railroads-say-theyre-making-safety-changes-to-reduce-derailments-after-fiery-ohio-crash/article_974413ee-b0e9-5242-9126-f96a5ae31f41.html

WTAE: Residents still uneasy 1 year after Norfolk Southern derailment
<https://www.wtae.com/article/norfolk-southern-derailment-east-palestine-residents-uneasy/46651477>

Climate Change

Gant News: Carbon tax repeal effort reignited

<https://gantnews.com/2024/02/06/carbon-tax-repeal-effort-reignited/>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: PA Wilds Center, Keystone Trails to create hiking book

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/pa-wilds-center-keystone-trails-to-create-hiking-book/article_c00b76be-c46d-11ee-bddb-03b7a2241c2d.html

Bradford Era: Edge habitats along roads and power lines may be key to conserving rare plants

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/edge-habitats-along-roads-and-power-lines-may-be-key-to-conserving-rare-plants/article_698270fe-c1f7-11ee-a0e4-fbc7a57d00c5.html

Clarion News: DCNR announces regional trail connector

https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/article_cfb98c13-28af-594c-ada4-84a1ffc4c4f6.html

Meadville Tribune: Allegheny College to host PA Chapter of the American Fisheries Society's annual meeting

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/allegheny-college-to-host-pa-chapter-of-the-american-fisheries-societys-annual-meeting/article_2fe20a5e-c467-11ee-86a9-f7d5705203dd.html

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Annual Audubon Society bird count reveals climate change through migratory patterns

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/02/06/annual-audubon-society-bird-count-reveals-climate-change-through-migratory-patterns/>

Delaware County Daily Times: Radnor approves deer culling and geese management programs

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2024/02/05/radnor-approves-deer-culling-geese-management-program/>

Energy

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Solar project gets zoning OK

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/020624/page/1/story/solar-project-gets-zoning-ok>

Gant News: State energy policies exacerbating reliability, blackout concerns

<https://gantnews.com/2024/02/06/state-energy-policies-exacerbating-reliability-blackout-concerns/>

Lancaster News Online: PPL customers have until Feb. 28 to comment on proposed \$17M billing fiasco settlement

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/ppl-customers-have-until-feb-28-to-comment-on-proposed-17m-billing-fiasco-settlement/article_7796613e-c45c-11ee-8ba7-9bce7cdaf8f4.html

Delaware County Daily Times: Radnor rejects single bid for charging station at admin building, will ask for new bidders

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2024/02/05/radnor-rejects-single-bid-for-charging-station-at-admin-building-will-ask-for-new-bidders/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

WFMZ 69 News: Old Dixie Cup factory in Forks Township getting demolished

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/old-dixie-cup-factory-in-forks-township-getting-demolished/article_c34703ba-c4d7-11ee-8c08-df63e4329ecd.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Inside-Your-Town

Mining

WESA: Pennsylvania gets \$101 million to clean up old mines

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-02-05/pennsylvania-mine-clean-up-funding>

Radiation Protection

WBRE: Why you should test your home for this radioactive gas, officials say

<https://www.pahomepage.com/uncategorized/why-you-should-test-your-home-for-this-radioactive-gas-officials-say/>

Waste

Observer-Reporter: Trash to treasure: Recycled bottle caps transformed into park benches

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2024/feb/05/trash-to-treasure-recycled-bottle-caps-transformed-into-park-benches/>

Water

Clarion News: A last-ditch effort in place for Washington Twp. sewage project

https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/frontpage/article_de04cc24-4ed7-5952-997d-72b1377eba8a.html

Tribune-Review: Plum's combined water-sewer bills increase about \$14 per month

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/plums-combined-water-sewer-bills-increase-about-14-per-month/>

Centre Daily Times: State College votes to hike sewer fees 7%. 'At this point, we don't have any alternative'

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article285105117.html>

York Dispatch: Hanover lifts mandatory water restrictions

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/02/06/recent-precipitation-leads-hanover-to-lift-mandatory-restrictions/72491976007/>

Miscellaneous

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Wawa construction at former foundry site in Williamsport is imminent

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/02/wawa-construction-in-williamsport-imminent/>

WTAJ: PA Courts' website back up and running after cyber attack

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/pennsylvania-courts-website-unavailable-due-to-cyber-attack/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Exploding batteries lead to fire

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/exploding-batteries-lead-to-fire/article_88857979-cb7c-53cf-9408-999a0f5f9003.html

Pottstown Mercury: Sinkhole keeps portion of Plymouth Road closed as work continues in Plymouth Township

<https://www.pottsmerc.com/2024/02/06/sinkhole-keeps-portion-of-plymouth-road-closed-as-work-continues-in-plymouth-township/>