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Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Huge Pa. warehouse fire spewed smoke and safety fears for 2 days — and counting
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/02/huge-pa-warehouse-fire-spewed-smoke-and-safety-fears-for-2-days-and-counting.html>

WGAL: SPS Technologies warehouse fire in Montgomery County continues to cause problem
<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-sps-technologies-warehouse-fire-evacuations-schools-closed/63839867>

CBS News: Some residents asked to voluntarily evacuate after SPS Technologies fire in Abington Township, Pennsylvania
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/fire-in-jenkintown-sps-technologies/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Crews thought they had the massive Montco industrial fire under control. Then came the billowing smoke and evacuation notices.
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/abington-fire-sps-technologies-containment-smoke-evacuations-20250218.html>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Evacuations near SPS Technologies site as crews battle ‘unpredictable’ fire; Jenkintown, Abington, Cheltenham schools to remain closed Wednesday
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/live/sps-technologies-fire-updates-jenkintown-20250218.html>

Philly Burbs: SPS fire in Jenkintown still burning. What to know about warehouse blaze, Abington response
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/02/19/sps-fire-jenkintown-abington-glenside-warehouse-still-burning-montgomery-county-sps-technologies/79180463007/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Abington company that caught fire had toxic ‘ignitable waste’ on site and had past EPA violations
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/sps-technologies-fire-chemical-waste-20250218.html>

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<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/02/18/hundreds-of-firefighters-battle-abington-township-commercial-building-blaze/>

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<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/02/gov-shapiro-picks-nominees-to-lead-education-environmental-protection-departments.html>

ABC27: Shapiro nominates secretaries for Education, Environmental Protection
<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/shapiro-nominates-secretaries-for-education-environmental-protection/>

Penn Capital-Star: Gov. Shapiro nominates new leader for Pa.'s Department of Environmental Protection
<https://penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/gov-shapiro-nominates-new-leader-for-pa-s-department-of-environmental-protection/>

WBRE: Shapiro nominates secretaries for Education, Environmental Protection
<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/state-news/shapiro-nominates-secretaries-for-education-environmental-protection/>

WVIA: Northeast Pennsylvania secures nearly a million dollars for water conservation, flooding protection
<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2025-02-19/northeast-pennsylvania-secures-nearly-a-million-dollars-for-water-conservation-flooding-protection>

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Mentions

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<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/health-news/b-braun-settles-cancer-causing-emissions-lawsuits>

StateCollege.com: Residents Near State College Airport Say Penn State, DEP Proposal for Water Contamination Cleanup Isn't Enough
<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/residents-near-state-college-airport-say-penn-state-dep-proposal-for-water-contamination-cleanup-isnt-enough/>

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<https://gantnews.com/2025/02/19/pennsylvanias-lithium-mining-future-comes-with-big-questions/>

Avian Influenza

Lancaster Farming: Farmers Ramp Up Poultry Biosecurity Against Avian Influenza
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<https://www.abc27.com/news/usda-working-to-rescind-terminations-for-fired-officials-working-on-bird-flu-efforts/>

WESA: Bird flu is killing wild birds and mammals, too

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-02-18/bird-flu-killing-wild-birds-manmmals>

USA Today: Bird flu vaccine may be in the works

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/health-wellness/2025/02/18/bird-flu-spread-vaccine/>

Conservation and Recreation

WVIA: Northeast Pennsylvania secures nearly a million dollars for water conservation, flooding protection

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ABC27: Constellation ahead of schedule for Crane Energy Center launch

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/harrisburg/constellation-ahead-of-schedule-for-clean-energy-center-launch/>

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<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/02/17/more-wells-test-positive-washington-crossing-after-pipeline-leak-sunoco-bucks-county-upper-makefield/78888717007/>

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WTAJ: National salt shortage affecting local communities

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/national-salt-shortage-affecting-local-communities/>

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<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/52405563/firefighters-called-back-to-parker-lord-plant-in-saegertown>