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## Top DEP Stories

WHYY: Officials say the air is safe near the Jenkintown SPS fire. Residents remain on edge

<https://whyy.org/articles/jenkintown-sps-fire-air-quality/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: No contaminants found in the air or water supply as SPS Technologies fire burns for fourth straight day, officials say

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/sps-techologies-no-fire-air-water-contaminants-abington-jenkintown-20250220.html>

The Mercury: Fire continues burning at SPS Technologies warehouse in Montgomery County

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/02/20/fire-continues-burning-at-sps-technologies-warehouse-in-montgomery-county/>

Tribune-Review: Violation notice issued to Lower Burrell steel plant for spill

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/violation-noticed-issued-to-lower-burrell-steel-plant-for-spill-death-investigation-continues/>

WTAE: Investigation reveals dozens of dangerous abandoned mines in Western Pennsylvania

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pennsylvania-abandoned-mines/63856895>

Marcellus Drilling News: PA Gov. nominates swamper to stop “acting,” become DEP secretary

<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2025/02/pa-gov-nominates-swamper-to-stop-acting-become-dep-secretary/>

## Mentions

Allegheny Front: Could ‘Solar For All’ be doomed in Pennsylvania?

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/could-solar-for-all-be-doomed-in-pennsylvania/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Major water leak suspected in Mifflinburg, West Buffalo Township system

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/major-water-leak-suspected-in-mifflinburg-west-buffalo-township-system/article\\_9e2c4da2-eeeb-11ef-a6ea-ef76fb9de35b.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/major-water-leak-suspected-in-mifflinburg-west-buffalo-township-system/article_9e2c4da2-eeeb-11ef-a6ea-ef76fb9de35b.html)

Clearfield Progress-News: CMA discusses connecting sewer plant to Woodland-Bigler Area Authority

[https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/cma-discusses-connecting-sewer-plant-to-woodland-bigler-area-authority/article\\_c60facac-eeeb-11ef-a94d-2f983b6f9e7d.html](https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/cma-discusses-connecting-sewer-plant-to-woodland-bigler-area-authority/article_c60facac-eeeb-11ef-a94d-2f983b6f9e7d.html)

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Elkland audit shows funds not recorded correctly in 2023

[https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free\\_press\\_courier/news/local/elkland-audit-shows-funds-not-recorded-correctly-in-2023/article\\_f6e5b280-eeeb-11ef-bf44-8f69a500d04c.html](https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/elkland-audit-shows-funds-not-recorded-correctly-in-2023/article_f6e5b280-eeeb-11ef-bf44-8f69a500d04c.html)

StateCollege.com: Clearwater Conservancy preserves 100 acres along Beaver Branch

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/community/clearwater-conservancy-preserves-100-acres-along-beaver-branch/>

## **Avian Influenza**

CBS21: 2.3 million birds affected by avian flu pose financial threat to PA agriculture industry

<https://local21news.com/news/local/23-million-birds-affected-by-avian-flu-pose-financial-threat-to-pa-agriculture-industry#>

Sayre Morning Times: Avian flu update from Tioga County Public Health

[https://www.morning-times.com/news/article\\_29ba71fc-efc2-11ef-924c-332a640d89be.html](https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_29ba71fc-efc2-11ef-924c-332a640d89be.html)

## **Air**

Lebanon Daily News: Owner of N. Annville Twp. diesel repair shop indicted for violations of Clean Air Act

<https://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2025/02/21/diesel-vehicle-repair-shop-owner-indicted-for-clean-air-act-violations/79325376007/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Philadelphia Inquirer: A species of fish once thought gone from Cooper River has returned — in a big way

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/new-jersey/cooper-river-blueback-herring-return-20250221.html>

WJAC: Somerset County conservation center welcomes four American Bison

<https://wjactv.com/newsletter-daily/somerset-county-conservation-center-welcomes-four-american-bison-pittsburgh-zoo-wildlife-species-pennsylvania-nature-habitat#>

Tribune-Review: Fern Hollow Nature Center set to break ground on expansion this fall

<https://triblive.com/local/sewickley/fern-hollow-nature-center-set-to-break-ground-on-expansion-this-fall/>

## **Energy**

Carlisle Sentinel: Future of solar energy on Cumberland County land in limbo after motion rescinded over potential conflict of interest

[https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/future-of-solar-energy-on-cumberland-county-land-is-in-limbo/article\\_2477f2a6-efda-11ef-baaa-2f2fe4290b41.html](https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/future-of-solar-energy-on-cumberland-county-land-is-in-limbo/article_2477f2a6-efda-11ef-baaa-2f2fe4290b41.html)

WFMZ: PUC to investigate UGI request for gas rate increase

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/puc-to-investigate-ugi-request-for-gas-rate-increase/article\\_26337ff0-efbe-11ef-90df-d3a56832d6d3.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/puc-to-investigate-ugi-request-for-gas-rate-increase/article_26337ff0-efbe-11ef-90df-d3a56832d6d3.html)

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Lawmaker: Electrical grid facing future shortage of energy  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/02/lawmaker-electrical-grid-facing-future-shortage-of-energy/>

## **Mining**

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Core Natural Resources shifts coal shipments amid China tariffs  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/02/20/core-natural-resources-coal-china.html>

## **Oil and Gas**

Butler Eagle: Jackson Township supervisors reject oil and gas well ordinance amendment  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250220/jackson-township-supervisors-reject-oil-and-gas-well-ordinance-amendment/>

## **Waste**

Gettysburg Times: Loading recycled glass into trailer  
[https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/image\\_331e9a90-efa7-11ef-8cbf-fb77d1618fe6.html](https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/image_331e9a90-efa7-11ef-8cbf-fb77d1618fe6.html)

## **Water**

The Derrick: Titusville closes on loan for well project  
[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/titusville-closes-on-loan-for-well-project/article\\_bf33e04c-efa4-11ef-97b4-93e0e57d3c68.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/titusville-closes-on-loan-for-well-project/article_bf33e04c-efa4-11ef-97b4-93e0e57d3c68.html)

Meadville Tribune: \$1.8M advanced funds for Titusville well replacement finalized  
[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/1-8m-advanced-funds-for-titusville-well-replacement-finalized/article\\_981388b0-efad-11ef-830c-e7bc2f3177c0.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/1-8m-advanced-funds-for-titusville-well-replacement-finalized/article_981388b0-efad-11ef-830c-e7bc2f3177c0.html)

York Dispatch: Thousands in York City qualify for wastewater bill assistance. Here's how to sign up  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/york-city/2025/02/21/thousands-in-york-city-qualify-for-wastewater-bill-assistance-heres-how-to-sign-up-pa-american-water/79311448007/>

Altoona Mirror: AWA to seek PennVEST funds  
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/02/awa-to-seek-pennvest-funds/>

CBS21: 'We don't drink the water': East Berlin residents concerned over acid in drinking water  
<https://local21news.com/news/local/locals-in-east-berlin-concerned-over-acid-levels-in-drinking-water#>

WTAE: 'We don't have the ability to rely on luck': Freeze-thaw on rivers closely monitored by Allegheny County officials  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-rivers-ice-freeze-thaw-allegheny-county/63856791>

WPXI: \$22 million in water line upgrades announced for several South Hills communities

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/22-million-water-line-upgrades-announced-several-south-hills-communities/3Y7JEMU465BTLB3PBDV3YMWK44/>

### **Miscellaneous**

KDKA: Judge grants preliminary approval for U.S. Steel class action settlement for people who live near Braddock's Edgar Thomson plant

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/us-steel-class-action-settlement-approval-braddock-edgar-thomson/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Brightfarms greenhouse closing in Snyder County next month

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/update-brightfarms-closing-in-snyder-county-next-month/article\\_237c1496-ef9d-11ef-b5ed-ef7e9b1d6cf1.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/update-brightfarms-closing-in-snyder-county-next-month/article_237c1496-ef9d-11ef-b5ed-ef7e9b1d6cf1.html)