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## Top DEP Stories

Pennsylvania Capital-Star: 'We're failing to meet many of our goals,' DEP official says as environmental oversight board passes hefty fee hike

<https://www.penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/were-failing-to-meet-many-of-our-goals-dep-official-says-as-environmental-oversight-board-passes-hefty-fee-hike/>

Post-Gazette: Pennsylvania board votes to raise shale well permit fees 150%

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2020/01/21/Marcellus-Utica-Shale-natural-gas-well-permit-fee-increase-Pennsylvania-DEP/stories/202001210110>

Post-Gazette: Coal mining law

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/01/22/Coal-mining-law/stories/202001220053>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Drilling fees could go up from \$5K to \$12.5K in Pennsylvania

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/01/22/drilling-fees-could-go-up-from-5k-to-12-5k-in.html>

Tribune-Democrat: Guest editorial | DEP needs to be vigilant in monitoring company

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Scranton Times: As Scranton schools test for lead in water, state investigators visit district

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/as-scranton-schools-test-for-lead-in-water-state-investigators-visit-district-1.2584328>

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WICU-TV: Air Quality Tests Continue After Erie Coke Shutdown; Results Revealed

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Times News: Final draft of W. Penn water extraction ordinance nearing completion

<https://www.tnonline.com/final-draft-w-penn-water-extraction-ordinance-nearing-completion>

DuBois Courier-Express: State Rep. Metcalfe warns of 'rogue governor'

[http://www.thecourierexpress.com/state-rep-metcalfe-warns-of-rogue-governor/article\\_998b09df-6fb1-583e-b398-72ac423701bb.html](http://www.thecourierexpress.com/state-rep-metcalfe-warns-of-rogue-governor/article_998b09df-6fb1-583e-b398-72ac423701bb.html)

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Nelson to lend money to collect overdue bills

[http://www.tiogapublishing.com/free\\_press\\_courier/news/nelson-to-lend-money-to-collect-overdue-bills/article\\_63c780ed-9204-5e23-ae80-b10844e7eb05.html](http://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/nelson-to-lend-money-to-collect-overdue-bills/article_63c780ed-9204-5e23-ae80-b10844e7eb05.html)

Philadelphia Inquirer: Gov. Wolf's next budget should address environmental protection | Opinion

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## **Air**

PublicSource: A decade of cleaner air ended in controversy and questions about Allegheny County's future

<https://www.publicsource.org/a-decade-of-cleaner-air-ended-in-controversy-and-questions-about-allegheny-countys-future/>

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Record-Argus: PennDOT displays plans for Lake Wilhelm Road causeway project

<https://www.recordargusnews.com/articles/penn-dot-displays-plans-for-lake-wilhelm-road-causeway-project/>

Post-Gazette: A better way

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/01/22/A-better-way/stories/202001220050>

Tribune-Review: Pittsburgh council proposes control of funding generated by parks tax

<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-allegheny/pittsburgh-council-proposes-control-of-funding-generated-by-parks-tax/>

WESA: Pittsburgh City Council Weighs Parks Tax Proposal

<https://www.wesa.fm/post/pittsburgh-city-council-weighs-parks-tax-proposal>

Citizens' Voice: Committee presents proposals to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists in Wilkes-Barre

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/committee-presents-proposals-to-improve-safety-for-pedestrians-bicyclists-in-wilkes-barre-1.2585985>

Pennlive: Not all of Pennsylvania's eagles are bald

<https://www.pennlive.com/life/2020/01/not-all-of-pennsylvanias-eagles-are-bald.html>

## **Energy**

Post-Gazette: Electricity market rule change could hike Pa. consumers' bills, hamper renewables

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2020/01/19/Pennsylvania-electricity-capacity-PJM-FERC-MOPR/stories/202001150139>

WESA: Study: Replacing Coal Plants With Natural Gas Cut Pollution, Saved Lives

<https://www.wesa.fm/post/study-replacing-coal-plants-natural-gas-cut-pollution-saved-lives>

## **Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields**

Souderton Independent: Souderton taking legal action to recover money spent for clean-up of oil leak at foreclosed home

[http://www.montgomerynews.com/soudertonindependent/news/souderton-taking-legal-action-to-recover-money-spent-for-clean/article\\_c7345a84-3c66-11ea-a5d6-877b30e06d36.html](http://www.montgomerynews.com/soudertonindependent/news/souderton-taking-legal-action-to-recover-money-spent-for-clean/article_c7345a84-3c66-11ea-a5d6-877b30e06d36.html)

Times News: County commends fuel spill response

<https://www.tnonline.com/county-commends-fuel-spill-response>

Times Leader: Avoca claimants may receive far less than expected in environmental case

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/769931/avoca-claimants-may-receive-far-less-than-expected-in-environmental-case>

Sunbury Daily Item: Lane restrictions continue along I-80 in Union County for soil remediation work

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/lane-restrictions-continue-along-i--in-union-county/article\\_980d3872-3c73-11ea-9e81-9fc19e7617bb.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/lane-restrictions-continue-along-i--in-union-county/article_980d3872-3c73-11ea-9e81-9fc19e7617bb.html)

Altoona Mirror: Residents want CSX lawsuit certified

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2020/01/residents-want-csx-lawsuit-certified/>

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WHYY: Chicago-based Hilco Redevelopment Partners buys PES refinery for \$240 million

<https://whyy.org/articles/chicago-based-hilco-redevelopment-partners-expected-to-be-new-pes-refinery-owner/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Chicago developer Hilco's \$240 million bid wins auction for bankrupt Philadelphia refinery

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/philadelphia-refinery-land-auction-hilco-new-owner-developer-20200121.html>

WICU-TV: Gas Prices in Western Pa. See Decrease this Week

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Beaver County Times: State environmentalists urge end to federal tolling orders

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20200121/state-environmentalists-urge-end-to-federal-tolling-orders>

Observer-Reporter: Mistake by Smith officials reopens hearings on MarkWest plant over 2 years later

[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/mistake-by-smith-officials-reopens-hearings-on-markwest-plant-over/article\\_7a4041b0-3c6c-11ea-80e4-db71b77a8d24.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/mistake-by-smith-officials-reopens-hearings-on-markwest-plant-over/article_7a4041b0-3c6c-11ea-80e4-db71b77a8d24.html)

Scranton Times: Veto gas bill, limit pollution

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/veto-gas-bill-limit-pollution-1.2585809>

Ellwood City Ledger: State environmentalists urge end to federal tolling orders

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## **Vector Management**

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<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/art-competition-aims-to-raise-awareness-about-ticks-lyme-disease-in-pa/>

## **Waste**

New Castle News: Teachers union suing district over asbestos in schools

[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/teachers-union-suing-district-over-asbestos-in-schools/article\\_572e61d8-6cd3-583c-96f6-2ee0544e1a9c.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/teachers-union-suing-district-over-asbestos-in-schools/article_572e61d8-6cd3-583c-96f6-2ee0544e1a9c.html)

Corry Journal: Refuse, recycling rates increase 27 percent

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Tribune-Review: Fox Chapel municipal trash bins reopened

<https://foxchapel.triblive.com/fox-chapel-municipal-trash-bins-reopened/>

Latrobe Bulletin: Westmoreland Cleanways closes current site in advance of planned move

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/westmoreland-cleanways-closes-current-site-in-advance-of-planned-move/article\\_636458a5-69d9-5500-8f9e-f12db5886c89.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/westmoreland-cleanways-closes-current-site-in-advance-of-planned-move/article_636458a5-69d9-5500-8f9e-f12db5886c89.html)

DuBois Courier-Express: Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's 'Pick Up Pennsylvania' registration open

[http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/keep-pennsylvania-beautiful-s-pick-up-pennsylvania-registration-open/article\\_69b8ef9b-fa6e-5959-91fa-c55e3a2882cd.html](http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/keep-pennsylvania-beautiful-s-pick-up-pennsylvania-registration-open/article_69b8ef9b-fa6e-5959-91fa-c55e3a2882cd.html)

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## **Water**

FOX43: Maryland blames Pennsylvania for pollution problems, and one foundation in PA is taking Maryland's side

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Fox43: What right does Maryland have to sue Pennsylvania?

<https://fox43.com/2020/01/21/what-right-does-maryland-have-to-sue-pennsylvania/>

York Dispatch: West Manchester water supplier aims to remove fluoride; township officials say they can't stop it

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/community/2020/01/21/west-manchester-water-supplier-looks-remove-fluoride-water/4523228002/>

Bradford Era: Sanitary Authority working on inspecting systems

[http://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/sanitary-authority-working-on-inspecting-systems/article\\_06501dff-16c1-55e1-a29b-659311b7e3c6.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/sanitary-authority-working-on-inspecting-systems/article_06501dff-16c1-55e1-a29b-659311b7e3c6.html)

Tribune-Review: Plans to address Oakmont Commons flooding problems under review

<https://plum.triblive.com/plans-to-address-oakmont-commons-flooding-problems-under-review/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Woodward supervisors discuss sale of defunct sewer authority building

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### **Miscellaneous**

Sunbury Daily Item: Dillan the bear will be moved to Colorado sanctuary

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York Daily Record: Groundhog Day: How often does Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow or predict early spring?

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2018/01/24/groundhog-day-dont-get-too-anxious-early-spring/1061302001/>