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Top DEP Stories

Meadville Tribune: PENNCREST part of DEP energy savings program

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/penncrest-part-of-dep-energy-savings-program/article_b3c3a2e8-6661-431d-9c83-e629ffc019fc.html

Mentions

Meadville Tribune: Rooftop solar array nears completion

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/rooftop-solar-array-nears-completion/article_aef39ee8-a5a1-4e27-a33c-1c174ac764d1.html

My Chesco.com: Pennsylvania Unveils Sweeping Justice Policy for Its Most At-Risk Communities

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-unveils-sweeping-justice-policy-for-its-most-at-risk-communities/>

EPA

Bucks Independence: At town hall meeting, Harvie rules out taking AIPAC contributions, vows to strengthen EPA

<https://www.bucksindependence.com/at-town-hall-meeting-harvie-rules-out-taking-aipac-contributions-vows-to-strengthen-epa/>

Air

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: EPA says it will no longer consider health costs in pollution regulations

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2026/01/12/epa-health-costs-pollution-regulations/stories/202601120088>

Lancaster Farming: Excitement Builds for Trump's Tractor Emissions Idea

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/equipment-and-machinery/excitement-builds-for-trump-s-tractor-emissions-idea/article_72bd2bbe-5d57-4809-844c-d81e04d62678.html

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/01/12/pa-invests-2-3-million-in-berks-recreation-and-conservation-projects/>

Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: National Aviary launches 'Nesting in Nature' program with more educational, interactive opportunities

<https://triblive.com/news/partner-news/national-aviary-launches-nesting-in-nature-program-with-more-educational-interactive-opportunities/>

The Derrick: DCNR invests in Oil Region to support recreation and conservation projects

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Data Centers

Beaver County Times: Beaver Valley nuke plant will help power Meta in region. What to know

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2026/01/12/meta-enters-agreement-to-draw-power-from-beaver-county-pa-nuclear-plant/88144593007/>

Allegheny Front: Meta reaches agreement to buy electricity from Beaver Valley nuclear plant to fuel AI data centers

<https://www.allegenyfront.org/meta-beaver-valley-nuclear-power-plant-ai-data-centers/>

Bradford Era: Consumer protection package introduced for data centers

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/01/12/consumer-protection-package-introduced-data-centers/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Data center debate must be honest (LTE)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/011326/page/12/story/data-center-debate-must-be-honest>

Drought

Sunbury Daily Item: Three Valley counties in drought watch; conservation notice in place for parts of Northumberland

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/three-valley-counties-in-drought-watch-conservation-notice-in-place-for-parts-of-northumberland-county/article_bcd5115d-604c-4b40-90ed-fc552178636a.html

WKOK: Drought watch expanded to include Snyder, Mifflin counties

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WKOK: Mandatory Roaring Creek water conservation ordered

<https://www.wkok.com/mandatory-roaring-creek-water-conservation-ordered/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Aqua utility orders water conservation

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/011326/page/3/story/aqua-utility-orders-water-conservation>

Energy

Beaver County Radio: Concerned About Winter Energy Bills? Call Utilities Now.

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/concerned-about-winter-energy-bills-call-utilities-now/>

WESA: As Pa. energy prices rise, advocates skeptical that lawmakers will put aside partisan differences

<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2026-01-11/pa-energy-prices-electric-bills-rise>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Court says Trump administration illegally blocked billions in clean energy grants to Democratic states

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/crime-courts/2026/01/12/court-trump-clean-energy-grants-democratic-states/stories/202601120085>

New Castel News: As Pa. energy prices rise, advocates skeptical that lawmakers will put aside partisan differences

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NorthcentralPA.com: As Pa. energy prices rise, advocates skeptical that lawmakers will put aside partisan differences

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Solar ordinance getting an update in Riverside

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/011326/page/1/story/solar-ordinance-getting-an-update-in-riverside>

PFAS

Delco Today: PFAS Treatment, Infrastructure Investment, and the Power of Partnerships

<https://delco.today/2026/01/pfas-treatment-edgely-water-facility/>

Waste

NorthcentralPA.com: E-waste recycling day in Berwick

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/011226/page/3/story/its-time-to-kick-the-christmas-tree-to-the-curb>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Waste-transfer hearing moved to Jan. 20

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/010926/page/3/story/waste-transfer-hearing-moved-to-jan-20>

Water

Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Township to extend water lines into Fairfield Township

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Mon Valley Independent: PUC reminds residents of water rate hike hearings

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/01/13/puc-reminds-residents-of-water-rate-hike-hearings/>

Lancaster Online: Lancaster-area water customers served by new name starting Wednesday

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<https://www.wkok.com/puc-seeks-public-input-on-pennsylvania-american-water-rate-request/>

Renovo Record: Yaw elected to lead tri-state conservation group

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/133009>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Townhouse project hits snag; Community Strategies Group told to install water tank for hydrants

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/010926/page/1/story/townhouse-project-hits-snag>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Town chooses new engineers

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Miscellaneous

Reading Eagle: Berks Nature will host 2nd annual community seed swap

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/01/13/berks-nature-will-host-2nd-annual-community-seed-swap/>

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