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Top DEP Stories

Whitemarsh Train Derailment

Philadelphia Inquirer: Whitemarsh train derailment likely caused by sinkhole, Norfolk Southern says. Here's what we know.

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/freight-train-derailment-pennsylvania-sinkhole-20230718.html>

KYW News: Sinkhole likely caused freight train derailment in Whitemarsh Township, according to preliminary findings

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/whitemarsh-township-freight-train-derailment-weather-sinkhole>

Around Ambler: Railroad tracks set to reopen after suspected sinkhole led to derailment in Whitemarsh
<https://aroundambler.com/railroad-tracks-set-to-reopen-after-suspected-sinkhole-led-to-derailment-in-whitemarsh/>

NBC 10: Just 2 days after a train derailed in Montgomery County, the railway could reopen

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/just-2-days-after-a-train-derailed-in-montgomery-county-the-railway-could-reopen/>

Mentions

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Changes needed so plastics recycler can get a permit

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/071923/page/1/story/changes-needed-so-plastics-recycler-can-get-a-permit>

Observer-Reporter: Code orange alert called Monday as smoke returns to region

https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/code-orange-alert-called-monday-as-smoke-returns-to-region/article_1693b562-24e3-11ee-9314-9b0a30ce49b5.html

Air

WICU-TV: Long Term Effects of Unhealthy Air Quality

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/49210166/long-term-effects-of-unhealthy-air-quality>

Erie Times: Erie sees worst air quality in decades; lung doctors recommend these precautions

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/healthcare/2023/07/19/erie-pa-dealing-poor-air-quality-canadian-wildfires-upmc-ahn-lung-doctors-suggest-precautions/70420813007/>

WESA: When a Mon Valley Air Pollution Episode alert is issued, whose air is at risk?

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-07-19/mon-valley-air-pollution-alert-where>

WHYY: Penn State study aims to help Pa. dairy farmers cut methane — and show carbon offsets are real

<https://whyy.org/articles/pa-dairy-farmers-methane/>

Climate Change

WESA: A Penn State expert on learning to live with wildfires, as climate change heats up

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-07-19/wildfires-climate-change-penn-state>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Climate change is here, but panic isn't a fix (Opinion)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/071823/page/7/story/climate-change-is-here-but-panic-isnt-a-fix>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Review: Carnegie Museum to spearhead campaign raising awareness about invasive plants

<https://triblive.com/local/carnegie-museum-to-spearhead-campaign-raising-awareness-about-invasive-plants/>

Tribune-Review: Hays Woods officially designated a Pittsburgh park

<https://triblive.com/local/hays-woods-officially-designated-as-pittsburgh-park/>

Tribune-Review: Canonsburg man indicted on charges of shooting bald eagle

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/canonsburg-man-indicted-on-charges-of-shooting-bald-eagle-in-mount-pleasant/>

New Pittsburgh Courier: The best parks and outdoor spots to visit in Pittsburgh

<https://newpittsburghcourier.com/2023/07/18/the-best-parks-and-outdoor-spots-to-visit-in-pittsburgh/>

Next Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Hiking Meetup Group finds camaraderie on the trails

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/outdoor-guide/pittsburgh-hiking-meetup-group-finds-comradery-on-the-trails/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Berwick may move meadow project

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/071823/page/1/story/berwick-may-move-meadow>

Energy

Utility Dive: Gas-fired generation accounted for 70% of unplanned outages in Winter Storm Elliott: PJM

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/pjm-winter-storm-elliott-report-gas-generation/688217/#:~:text=At%20the%20peak%20of%20Winter,in%20a%20report%20released%20Monday.>

Daily Local: Experiencing battery trains that might link Philly and West Chester

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/07/18/experiencing-battery-trains-that-might-link-philly-and-west-chester/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Shamokin News-Item: Demolition of Sixth Street properties to cost city \$15,000-20,000; blight major issue

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/demolition-of-sixth-street-properties-to-cost-city-15-000-to-20-000-blight-major/article_a282caea-f68d-5d7f-b558-27bee8558230.html

Oil and Gas

Bradford Era: ARG boom deployment system discussed at Sanitary Authority meeting

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/arg-boom-deployment-system-discussed-at-sanitary-authority-meeting/article_8864eb40-25b8-11ee-b288-5f667b889355.html

Pittsburgh Business Times: Olympus works to market its responsibly sourced natural gas

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/07/18/olympus-tenaska-energy-marketing.html>

Daily Local: West Reading chocolate factory explosion: New details released on cause of the blast

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/07/18/west-reading-chocolate-factory-explosion-new-details-released-on-cause-of-the-blast/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Two gas leaks identified in deadly West Reading chocolate factory explosion

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/gas-leaks-identified-west-reading-explosion-20230718.html>

PFAS

My ChesCo: Legislation Introduced to Support Veterans Exposed to Forever Chemicals and Ensure Their Well-Being

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/national/legislation-introduced-to-support-veterans-exposed-to-forever-chemicals-and-ensure-their-well-being/>

Waste

Sunbury Daily Item: 66 tons of electronics recycled at Union County event

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/66-tons-of-electronics-recycled-at-union-county-event/article_7a1bb0a6-25ad-11ee-a34f-bff1e96ac845.html

The Mercury: East Coventry sewer sale overshadowed by \$27 million Parker Ford project

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2023/07/18/east-coventry-sewer-sale-overshadowed-by-27-million-parker-ford-project/>

Water

Indiana Gazette: Indiana Borough officials tour Wastewater Treatment Plant

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/indiana-borough-officials-tour-wastewater-treatment-plant/article_bf0b6fcc-a7f3-52fa-8661-f82b7e22975f.html

WICU-TV: Swimming Prohibited at Presque Isle Beaches 6 and 8 due to E. coli Levels

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/49209864/swimming-prohibited-at-presque-isle-beaches-6-and-8-due-to-e-coli-levels>

Daily Courier: Mountain Watershed Association works to collect water supply information

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/mountain-watershed-association-works-to-collect-water-supply-information/article_d898b596-259b-11ee-8534-f3b5ac64505a.html

Latrobe Bulletin: LMA gets clean bill of health on 2022 audit

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/lma-gets-clean-bill-of-health-on-2022-audit/article_6a939d0e-32f2-5763-aed8-96e442b87d25.html

WPXI: Lanes blocked on Route 65 due to water main break

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/section-route-65-closed-due-water-main-break/IQAK52KGEBACTJRFTRAUXKJBBQ/>

Daily Local: Coatesville awarded \$621,360 FEMA grant to focus on critical stormwater mitigation

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/07/18/coatesville-awarded-621360-fema-grant-to-focus-on-critical-stormwater-mitigation/>

My ChesCo: Coatesville Awarded Grant to Enhance Flood Resilience and Stormwater Infrastructure

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/government/coatesville-awarded-grant-to-enhance-flood-resilience-and-stormwater-infrastructure/>

NBC 10: Algae found in pond at NJ dog park could be deadly to pets, officials say

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/critter-corner/algae-found-in-pond-at-nj-dog-park-could-be-deadly-to-pets-officials-say/3606938/>

Miscellaneous

Tribune-Democrat: Editorial | 'Important to remember' 1977 flood's impact

https://www.tribdem.com/news/editorial-important-to-remember-1977-floods-impact/article_689352f0-2560-11ee-82a2-3fc05bcf182e.html

Philadelphia Inquirer: Sixers will pay for Philadelphia's impact studies of the team's plan for a downtown arena

<https://www.inquirer.com/real-estate/commercial/sixers-new-arena-downtown-philadelphia-study-20230719.html>

WHYY: Dekalb Pike repairs continue — PennDOT finds more sinkholes on private property and closes southbound lane

<https://whyy.org/articles/penn-dot-sinkholes-dekalb-pike-southbound-lane-closure-upper-merion/>