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Top DEP Stories

NorthcentralPA.com: DEP to hold public meeting on oil and gas waste disposal area in Potter County
https://www.northcentralpa.com/business/dep-to-hold-public-meeting-on-oil-and-gas-waste-disposal-area-in-potter-county/article_6aebc71e-25e0-11ee-abba-d3f5777be60f.html

Whitemarsh Train Derailment

Philadelphia Inquirer: Tracks are reopened 2 days after a freight train derailed in Montgomery County
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/freight-train-derailment-pennsylvania-tracks-reopened-20230719.html>

WHYY: Whitemarsh train derailment labeled 'wakeup call' by rail safety advocates
<https://whyy.org/articles/whitemarsh-township-train-derailment-environmental-impacts-rail-safety-reform/>

WHYY: Norfolk Southern reopens tracks days after train derailment in Whitemarsh Twp.
<https://whyy.org/articles/whitemarsh-twp-norfolk-southern-reopens-tracks-train-derailment/>

Around Ambler: Railroad tracks set to reopen after suspected sinkhole led to derailment in Whitemarsh
<https://aroundambler.com/to-inspect-or-not-to-inspect-the-dilemma-of-accepting-lower-offers-2/>

NBC 10: Railway reopens 2 days after train derailment in Montgomery County
<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/railway-reopens-2-days-after-train-derailment-in-montgomery-county/3607824/>

East Palestine Derailment

KDKA: Testing finds toxic chemical levels near derailment site substantially higher than samples in neighboring towns
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/independent-testing-results-east-palentine-ohio-train-derailment/>

Mentions

Towanda Daily Review: TMA discusses South Branch repairs, sewer plant project
https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/tma-discusses-south-branch-repairs-sewer-plant-project/article_682d54ea-687f-5ad2-bc75-7313fa58ca11.html

Air

Butler Eagle: Saxonburg assures museum is asbestos free after scare
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230720/saxonburg-assures-museum-is-asbestos-free-after-scare/>

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https://www.sharonherald.com/news/hokey-smokey-its-hard-to-predict-air-quality/article_0f80788e-25ae-11ee-af71-ef036e58ee40.html

CBS News: Study shows Canadian wildfire smoke potentially more dangerous than car emissions pollution

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/canada-wildfires-smoke-2023-air-quality-philadelphia/>

Climate Change

KDKA: What's up with this weather? KDKA First Alert Weather Team explains what we're seeing

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/whats-up-with-this-weather-kdka-first-alert-weather-team-explains-what-were-seeing/>

StateImpact PA: Penn State studies seek to show human impact of climate-related disasters

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/07/19/penn-state-studies-seek-to-show-human-impact-of-climate-related-disasters/>

Conservation and Recreation

Shamokin News-Item: My Neck of the Woods: New record set for invasive flathead catfish

https://www.newsitem.com/arts_living/outdoors/my-neck-of-the-woods-new-record-flathead/article_34a61de9-f29a-5bf0-a1ec-0d777f63196e.html

Energy

New Castle News: New Beaver passes animal, solar ordinances

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/new-beaver-passes-animal-solar-ordinances/article_f5bac868-259a-11ee-9fc8-7777fe1e303b.html

Pittsburgh Business Times: Bitcoin miner Mawson sees boost in operations including from Beaver County upgrades

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/07/19/mawson-infrastructure-bitcoin-mining.html>

Tribune-Review: Springdale takes 1st step zoning overlay; power plant owner threatens legal action

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-takes-first-step-zoning-overlay-power-plant-owner-threatens-legal-action/>

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<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/digging-deep-why-oil-and-gas-should-take-a-closer-look-at-geothermal/688309/#:~:text=Geothermal%20converts%20heat%20below%20the,round%2Dthe%2Dclock%20power.>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Renovo Record: Land banks may soon claim blighted properties

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/97404>

Oil and Gas

WJAC: Gas leak prompts temporary evacuations in Somerset Borough

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/gas-leak-prompts-temporary-evacuations-in-somerset-borough#>

Tribune-Review: Murrysville moves injection well ordinance forward for possible vote next month

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/murrysville-moves-injection-well-ordinance-forward-for-possible-vote-next-month/>

Reuters: Green groups demand US end talks on natural gas certification

<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/green-groups-demand-us-end-talks-certified-natural-gas-standards-2023-07-19/>

Wellsboro Gazette: PCHPG concerned about proposed well pad placement

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/pchpg-concerned-about-proposed-well-pad-placement/article_1b98c7a2-263a-11ee-9aae-239f239cfb18.html

Vector Management

WPXI: West Nile virus detected in Pittsburgh-area mosquitoes

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/west-nile-virus-detected-pittsburgh-area-mosquitos/J3TAU66DTJAJNMYJNHdq7BMQIU/>

WESA: Mosquitoes spread malaria. These researchers want them to fight it instead

<https://www.wesa.fm/2023-07-20/mosquitoes-spread-malaria-these-researchers-want-them-to-fight-it-instead>

Post-Gazette: Mosquitoes in Allegheny County test positive for West Nile virus

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2023/07/19/west-nile-virus-pittsburgh/stories/202307190108>

Waste

Daily Courier: City OKs garbage ordinance

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/city-oks-garbage-ordinance/article_d1d01aba-267c-11ee-99ab-23bff4ff06e7.html

Daily Courier: Authority seeking garbage contract bids

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Meadville Tribune: Conneaut Lake sewer authority gets \$8.1M loan

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/conneaut-lake-sewer-authority-gets-8-1m-loan/article_cb562246-2664-11ee-8dc3-db662b9e2bfd.html

WICU-TV: PENNVEST Awards \$6M to Erie City Water Authority for Lead Service Line Replacement Project

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/49215979/pennvest-awards-dollar6m-to-erie-city-water-authority-for-lead-service-line-replacement-project>

Latrobe Bulletin: UTMA, local brewery discussing grease trap requirement violation

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Tribune-Review: MAWC buys Westmoreland Fayette sewer authority

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exploreVenango: PFBC Awards Over \$187K Grants to Support Education Projects

<https://explorevenango.com/pfbc-awards-grants-to-support-education-projects/>

Indiana Gazette: ICCD holds record-breaking senior Envirothon competition

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WJET-TV: Discover Presque Isle taking over the park next week

<https://www.yourerie.com/community/discover-presque-isle-taking-over-the-park-next-week/>