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## Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: Pennsylvania American Water responds to DEP violations over Roaring Brook, Lackawanna River

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Outdoor News: PA drought watch lifted for last eight counties

<https://www.outdoornews.com/2024/03/25/pennsylvania-mixed-bag-drought-watch-lifted-for-last-eight-counties/>

## Mentions

New Castle News: Driller warns against bond hikes for Pa. oil, gas wells

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Northcentral PA Conservancy: Town talks a key component of conservation

<https://npcweb.org/town-talks-a-key-component-of-conservation/>

Renovo Record: Orphan well plugging scrutinized for cost inflation, bad data

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## East Palestine Train Derailment

York Dispatch: Did Ohio train derailment have long-term health impacts? Pitt scientists look for answers.

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Erie Times: Pitt scientists to test for long-term health effects of train derailment

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Phillyburbs: Did Ohio train derailment have long-term health impacts? Pitt scientists look for answers.

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Beaver County Times: Did Ohio train derailment have long-term health impacts? Pitt scientists look for answers.

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## **Air**

Clarion News: Pennsylvanians to be mindful of increased woodland fire risk

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## **Climate Change**

FOX43: Bucks County becomes first county in Pa. to sue major oil companies due to climate change crisis

<https://www.fox43.com/article/weather/climate-smart/bucks-county-pennsylvania-sue-major-oil-companies-climate-change-crisis/521-40f96a3f-4f24-4597-b2e0-ae6eefa31609>

Centre Daily Times: Editorial: Biden's new EV rules don't go fast enough for the climate crisis

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/article287079125.html>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Lancaster Newspapers: Work on Route 743-Conewago trail crossing begins this week

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/work-on-route-743-conewago-trail-crossing-begins-this-week/article\\_2ba4d0d8-eaf6-11ee-9752-8328f5dbb850.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/work-on-route-743-conewago-trail-crossing-begins-this-week/article_2ba4d0d8-eaf6-11ee-9752-8328f5dbb850.html)

Herald- Standard: Ready to grow: Annual seed swap prepares gardeners for planting season

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/editors\\_pick/2024/mar/26/ready-to-grow-annual-seed-swap-prepares-gardeners-for-planting-season/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/editors_pick/2024/mar/26/ready-to-grow-annual-seed-swap-prepares-gardeners-for-planting-season/)

Sunbury Daily Item: New PA fishing license price rule changes ahead of April 6 opening day

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local\\_news/new-pa-fishing-license-price-rule-changes-ahead-of-april-6-opening-day/article\\_0d56eed7-5237-5104-bf3b-746f7d44ed83.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/new-pa-fishing-license-price-rule-changes-ahead-of-april-6-opening-day/article_0d56eed7-5237-5104-bf3b-746f7d44ed83.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Fishing area established for children in Limestone Run

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/fishing-area-established-for-children-in-limestone-run/article\\_35634e5e-eae4-11ee-a165-77b895946fa0.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/fishing-area-established-for-children-in-limestone-run/article_35634e5e-eae4-11ee-a165-77b895946fa0.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Endangered Species Act turns 50; still has work to do (Opinion)

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: A novel way to protect birds is through renewable energy

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/03/a-novel-way-to-protect-birds-is-through-renewable-energy/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Shapiro Administration encourages people to be mindful of increased fire risks

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Lock Haven Express: Why Baker Run? PFBC decisions questioned (LTE)

<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2024/03/why-baker-run/>

## **Energy**

Butler Eagle: Energy secretary invited to town hall on Butler Works plant

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240326/energy-secretary-invited-to-town-hall-on-butler-works-plant/>

DV Journal: Two of Shapiro's Clean Energy Sources in New Power Plan Unlikely to Arrive by 2035 Deadline

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DV Journal: TOMB: Shapiro's Senseless Expansion of Alternative Energy

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Pittsburgh Post- Gazette: Energy agency announces \$6 billion to slash emissions in industrial facilities

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Butler Works to receive \$75M for green-steel project

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/03/25/butler-works-to-receive-75m-for-electric-project.html>

Sunbury Daily Item: Firefighters taking proactive approach to EV fire risks (Editorial)

[https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/firefighters-taking-proactive-approach-to-ev-fire-risks/article\\_37b49282-e07e-11ee-9183-dbb09ace3fb6.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/firefighters-taking-proactive-approach-to-ev-fire-risks/article_37b49282-e07e-11ee-9183-dbb09ace3fb6.html)

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Lock Haven Express: CCEP looks to own part of former Renovo Industrial Park

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/03/ccep-looks-to-own-part-of-industrial-park/>

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Penn State News: Critical minerals' role in green energy is topic of 2024 Shoemaker Lecture; can be viewed via Zoom

<https://www.psu.edu/news/earth-and-mineral-sciences/story/critical-minerals-role-green-energy-topic-2024-shoemaker-lecture/>

## **Oil and Gas**

DV Journal: Bucks County Sues World's Oil Producers Over Local Impacts of Climate Change  
<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/bucks-county-sues-oil-producers-over-climate-change/>

WHYY: Bucks County files climate lawsuit against Big Oil  
<https://whyy.org/articles/bucks-county-files-climate-lawsuit-against-oil-industry/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/bucks-county-big-oil-lawsuit-climate-change-20240325.html>

Center For Climate Integrity: Bucks County is the first Pennsylvania community to take Big Oil to court; CCI study found PA municipalities face \$15 billion in costs by 2040 to protect infrastructure from climate change  
<https://climateintegrity.org/news/bucks-county-pa-sues-big-oil-for-climate-deception>

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[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/valley-gas-prices-jump-by-12-cents-in-a-week/article\\_4ef65f34-ead8-11ee-88e3-0bce8c9168e8.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/valley-gas-prices-jump-by-12-cents-in-a-week/article_4ef65f34-ead8-11ee-88e3-0bce8c9168e8.html)

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Pennlive: Harrisburg leaders vow to crack down on illegal dumping, the city's 'black eye'  
<https://www.pennlive.com/crime/2024/03/harrisburg-leaders-vow-to-crack-down-illegal-dumping-the-citys-black-eye.html>

CBS21: Harrisburg cracks down on illegal dumping throughout the city  
<https://local21news.com/news/local/harrisburg-cra#>

abc27: Harrisburg cracking down on illegal dumping; Here's how  
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/harrisburg/harrisburg-cracking-down-on-illegal-dumping-heres-how/>

FOX43: Harrisburg announces harsher penalties for illegal dumping  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/harrisburg-harsher-penalties-for-illegal-dumping-suspect-city-pennsylvania-law/521-dfe9e57b-ca0e-470b-8525-a6b09a5d1c08>

WGAL: Harrisburg taking new steps to crack down on illegal dumping  
<https://www.wgal.com/article/harrisburg-new-steps-to-crack-down-on-illegal-dumping/60298111>

Sunbury Daily Item: Sunbury free spring cleanup set for this week

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Renovo Record: Right to repair would save Pa. residents hundreds of dollars a year, reduce e-waste, House panel hears

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/108518>

Centre County Gazette: Trash hauler rates to change for 5 Centre County townships in 2025

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/trash-hauler-rates-to-change-for-5-centre-county-townships-in-2025/>

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## **Water**

Fox56: Columbia County residents address litter with Fishing Creek cleanup

<https://fox56.com/news/local/columbia-county-residents-address-litter-with-fishing-creek-cleanup>

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<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/community/2024/03/rest-area-on-i-80-westbound-in-clinton-county-closing-temporarily/>

## **Miscellaneous**

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<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2024/03/water-authority-teaching-youth-sustainability/>

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/03/25/mosquitoes-can-carry-deadly-viruses-but-readings-residents-can-reduce-risks-by-controlling-the-insects-habitat/>

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Pittsburgh Post- Gazette: How Pittsburgh-area schools are planning to teach their students about the solar eclipse

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Lock Haven Express: Brodart closes McElhattan plant; facilities purchased by First Quality  
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