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## Top DEP Stories

WESA: Environmental group intends to sue U.S. Steel over oily releases into Mon River

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-03-17/three-rivers-waterkeeper-lawsuit-us-steel-water-pollution>

Indiana Gazette: 2026 Pennsylvania Grid Resilience Grants funding.

[https://www.indianagazette.com/local\\_news/rea-in-line-to-get-1-5-million-in-federal-electric-grid-resilience-funding-from/article\\_945af81c-84a2-4a06-b8f0-74c678e259fb.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/local_news/rea-in-line-to-get-1-5-million-in-federal-electric-grid-resilience-funding-from/article_945af81c-84a2-4a06-b8f0-74c678e259fb.html)

WJET-TV: Erie, Crawford receive funds to bolster electric grid

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/erie-crawford-receive-funds-to-bolster-electric-grid/>

The Progress: CCCD receives over \$1.1 million in grant funds

[https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/cccd-receives-over-1-1-million-in-grant-funds/article\\_afce0051-18fe-443c-af7a-64eaea3aa4ba.html](https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/cccd-receives-over-1-1-million-in-grant-funds/article_afce0051-18fe-443c-af7a-64eaea3aa4ba.html)

Penn Watch: \$10 Million Earmarked to Strengthen Electric Grid and Prevent Power Outages

<https://pennwatch.org/10-million-earmarked-to-strengthen-electric-grid-and-prevent-power-outages/>

## Mentions

Times Leader: Administrator: Sinkhole partially under Luzerne County's rail line in Ashley has been addressed

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1735767/administrator-sinkhole-partially-under-luzerne-countys-rail-line-in-ashley-has-been-addressed>

Meadville Tribune: Crawford Tech releases new details on asbestos exposures

[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/crawford-tech-releases-new-details-on-asbestos-exposures/article\\_63397c85-972e-4a63-a734-6e943312a843.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/crawford-tech-releases-new-details-on-asbestos-exposures/article_63397c85-972e-4a63-a734-6e943312a843.html)

## ICE Facility

Coal Region Canary: ICE Verbally Promises to Cover Tax Revenue Losses for Tremont Detention Center, Will Not House Children There

<https://coalregioncanary.com/2026/03/18/ice-detention-center-town-hall-tremont-federal-government-promises-making-taxes-whole-schuylkill-county-pine-grove-area-school-district-tremont-township/>

## Climate Change

Lehighvalleylive: Neighboring Lehigh County restaurants close after wind tears off roof

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/lehigh-county/2026/03/neighboring-lehigh-county-restaurants-close-after-wind-tears-off-roof.html>

## Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: Lower Burrell walking club takes steps to boost community connections

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/lower-burrell-walking-club-takes-steps-to-boost-community-connections/>

KDKA: Peregrine falcons on Pitt's Cathedral of Learning lay first egg of season

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/peregrine-falcons-pitt-cathedral-of-learning-first-egg-2026/>

Lebtown: Swatara Twp. farmer receives award for lifetime land stewardship excellence

<https://lebtown.com/2026/03/18/swatara-twp-farmer-receives-award-for-lifetime-land-stewardship-excellence/>

## Data Centers

Public Source: Pa. lawmakers seek to build on infrastructure to meet energy demands

<https://www.publicsource.org/pennsylvania-energy-power-grid-data-center-renewables/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Alcoa nears deal to sell former site for data center development

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/03/17/alcoa-nears-deal-data-center-sale.html>

Latrobe Bulletin: New Alexandria council hears concerns on solar farm proposal

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/new-alexandria-council-hears-concerns-on-solar-farm-proposal/article\\_876a4314-2c79-4822-85bc-564c78cddc62.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/new-alexandria-council-hears-concerns-on-solar-farm-proposal/article_876a4314-2c79-4822-85bc-564c78cddc62.html)

Daily Local: Bad weather delays Pennhurst data center hearing

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/03/18/bad-weather-delays-pennhurst-data-center-hearing/>

FOX43: Questions swirl in Peach Bottom as township advances data center rules without formal proposal

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/york-county/questions-swirl-in-peach-bottom-as-township-advances-data-center-rules-without-formal-proposal/521-5eba4e8e-a0a6-481a-a849-bfc318e93c7d>

WOLF: Tree clearing fuels Archbald grassroots efforts to limit data centers

<https://fox56.com/news/local/tree-clearing-fuels-archbald-grassroots-efforts-to-limit-data-centers>

Standard Speaker: National developers spend \$580 million on land for Salem Twp. data centers

<https://www.standardpeaker.com/2026/03/17/national-developer-spends-300-million-on-land-for-salem-twp-data-centers/>

## **Energy**

WJAC: EXPLAINER | What is net metering & how is it contributing to rising energy costs in PA?  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pennsylvania-lawmakers-weigh-net-meterings-role-in-rising-energy-costs>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly-area residents share how much they paid to keep warm this winter  
<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/heating-bills-cost-philadelphia-winter-2026-20260318.html>

WOLF: Abington area first responders gather in Dalton for natural gas emergency training  
<https://fox56.com/news/local/abington-area-first-responders-gather-in-dalton-for-natural-gas-emergency-training>

Standard Speaker: PUC sets public input hearings on proposed UGI rate increase  
<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2026/03/16/puc-sets-public-input-hearings-on-proposed-ugi-rate-increase/>

Republican Herald: PUC sets public input hearings on proposed UGI rate increase  
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/03/16/puc-sets-public-input-hearings-on-proposed-ugi-rate-increase/>

## **Radiation Protection**

WHYY: What to know about Bill Gates' nuclear science company planned for the former South Philadelphia refinery site  
<https://whyy.org/articles/bill-gates-nuclear-science-company-philadelphia/>

Philly Voice: Nuclear company backed by Bill Gates to build \$450 million facility in South Philly's Bellwether District  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/bill-gates-nuclear-company-bellwether-district/>

Philadelphia Business Journal: Bill Gates-backed TerraPower to build \$450M cancer treatment plant in Philadelphia  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2026/03/17/terrapower-isotopes-bellwether-district-cancer.html>

## **Waste**

WJAC: Spring cleaning season: Experts urge donating, recycling instead of tossing clutter  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/spring-cleaning-season-experts-urge-donating-recycling-instead-of-tossing-clutter>

Tribune-Democrat: JRA considering sewer rate increases for commercial, industrial customers

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/local\\_news/jra-considering-sewer-rate-increases-for-commercial-industrial-customers/article\\_ae5ffa2b-c18d-4aea-beb0-f44e0708043e.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/jra-considering-sewer-rate-increases-for-commercial-industrial-customers/article_ae5ffa2b-c18d-4aea-beb0-f44e0708043e.html)

Philly Burbs: Perkasie recycling center details emerge as proposal is considered

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/business/real-estate/2026/03/18/perkasie-recycling-center-project-last-empty-parcel-luxury-apartments/89188563007/>

## **Water**

Patch.com: 'This Is Heartbreaking': Frustration Mounts Over Toxic Spill In Chester Co. Creek

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/westchester/questions-persist-after-toxic-industrial-leak-chester-co-creek>

6abc: Frankford Avenue Bridge Closure

<https://6abc.com/post/frankford-avenue-bridge-closure/18725935/>

Levittown Now: Middletown Moves Forward On 'Complicated' Culvert Project

<https://levittownnow.com/2026/03/18/middletown-moves-forward-on-complicated-culvert-project/>

Butler Eagle: Mars Borough looking to repair leak in water system

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260318/mars-borough-looking-to-repair-leak-in-water-system/>

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TribLive: Jeannette parks to receive interactive signs encouraging activity

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/jeannette-parks-to-receive-interactive-signs-encouraging-activity/>

Allegheny Front: USDA restores \$59M contract with Pennsylvania farm group

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-pasa-sustainable-agriculture-federal-climate-smart-grant/>

York Daily Record: Pennsylvania bill could increase fines for snagging fish like trout

<https://www.ydr.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/03/18/pa-bill-proposes-higher-fines-for-snagging-trout-steelhead-anglers-dan-laughlin-erie-pfbc/89196503007/>

WFMZ: The Trump admin's fast-tracked process to pick who will run Pa.'s new detention centers

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/the-trump-admin-s-fast-tracked-process-to-pick-who-will-run-pa-s-new/article\\_44a40171-927b-4412-be90-2e660d81db7f.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/the-trump-admin-s-fast-tracked-process-to-pick-who-will-run-pa-s-new/article_44a40171-927b-4412-be90-2e660d81db7f.html)

Lehighvalleylive: Eli Lilly's Road to Pennsylvania, details of new \$3.5B plant, celebrated in the Lehigh Valley

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/business/2026/03/eli-lillys-road-to-pennsylvania-details-of-new-35b-plant-celebrated-in-the-lehigh-valley.html>

Morning Call: Allentown Redevelopment Authority, now part of city government, is finally seeking redevelopment of former Allentown Toy Factory

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/03/18/allentown-toy-factory-redevelopment/>