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Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Central Pa. salvage yard must stop processing waste after major fire, multiple DEP violati
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/03/central-pa-salvage-yard-must-stop-processing-waste-after-major-fire-multiple-dep-violations.html>

Lancaster Online: Pa. DEP wants York County salvage yard shut down, owner jailed for contempt
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/pa-dep-wants-york-county-salvage-yard-shut-down-owner-jailed-for-contempt/article_a7002272-e573-4ed7-a4af-b9e94ca3204c.html

York Daily Record: Pa. regulators order J&K Salvage to close, seek jail for owner
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/03/19/jk-salvage-ordered-to-close-owner-faces-possible-jail-dep/89224215007/>

ABC27: York County salvage yard ordered by the DEP to cease waste processing
<https://www.abc27.com/news/york-county-salvage-yard-ordered-by-the-dep-to-cease-waste-processing/>

CBS21: Pennsylvania DEP orders York County scrap yard to shut down, asks court to jail owner
<https://local21news.com/news/local/gallery/pennsylvania-dep-orders-jk-salvage-to-stop-operations-asks-judge-to-jail-owner-york-county-scrap-yard-fire-water-codorus-creek-susquehanna-river-department-of-environmental-protection-pa?photo=1>

FOX43: State DEP issues administrative order to J&K Salvage to cease operations, begin removing solid metal waste
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/york-county/pennsylvania-dep-administrative-order-cease-operations-jail-owner-jk-salvage-york/521-e1f7c807-cea5-4279-aca5-2925497a0000?ref=exit-recirc>

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<https://www.wgal.com/article/pa-dep-orders-york-county-j-and-k-salvage-yard-to-shut-down/70792143>

WTAE: Shell's wastewater treatment plan raises environmental concerns in Monaca
<https://www.wtae.com/article/shells-wastewater-treatment-plan-raises-environmental-concerns-in-monaca/70797731>

WPXI: Beaver County Shell plant seeking air quality approval plan; local environmental groups weigh in
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/beaver-county-shell-plant-seeking-air-quality-approval-plan-local-environmental-groups-weigh/WW24TK4ZCJDV5FM43HOHIFRC7Q/>

Public Source: How Shell's cracker has polluted more than permitted with no new fines for three years
<https://www.publicsource.org/beaver-county-shell-cracker-pollution-exceeds-permits-no-new-fines/>

Mentions

KDKA: Environmental group files intent to sue U.S. Steel over oil sheens in the Monongahela River
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/three-rivers-waterkeeper-u-s-steel-sue/>

Air

Beaver County Times: Time lapse photo of Shell plastics plant in Beaver County, PA.
<https://www.timesonline.com/videos/news/local/2026/03/18/watching-the-night-go-by-at-beaver-countys-shell-ethane-cracker-plant-beaver-county-pa/89218118007/>

ABC27: Shapiro sues over EPA repeal of greenhouse gas findings
<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/shapiro-sues-over-epa-repeal-of-greenhouse-gas-findings/>

WGAL: Gov. Shapiro joins lawsuit against EPA over greenhouse gas regulations
<https://www.wgal.com/article/gov-shapiro-lawsuit-epa-greenhouse-gas-regulations/70797401>

Climate Change

Daily Local: Two dozen states, 10 cities sue EPA over repeal of 'endangerment' finding central to climate fight
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/03/19/trump-climate-change-endangerment-finding/>

Conservation and Recreation

Courier Express: KECA helps promote area photographers, elk country through annual contest
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Data Centers

WOLF: Archbald residents pack Valley View High School for Project Green Mountain hearing
<https://fox56.com/news/local/people-pack-archbald-auditorium-for-data-center-hearing>

WOLF: Massive land deal in Salem Township paves way for major data center project
<https://fox56.com/news/local/massive-land-deal-in-salem-township-paves-way-for-major-data-center-project?teaserSource=trending>

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Scranton Times: Reorganized Archbald Council to weigh 'Project Green' data centers tonight
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Press Enterprise: Data centers bring in \$522M
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<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2026/03/19/franklin-county-farm-bureau-talk-on-land-and-data-centers/89208113007/>

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WHYY: Precedent-setting Pa. rate case would protect residential electricity customers from data center costs in PPL territory
<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-electricity-costs-data-centers/>

The Reporter Online: West Rockhill planners request changes to proposed data center ordinance
<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2026/03/19/west-rockhill-planners-request-changes-to-proposed-data-center-ordinance/>

Energy

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2026/03/19/trump-power-electricity-utilities/stories/202603190077>

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Oil and Gas

Allegheny Front: Allegheny County health board considers fracking impacts
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Water

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/03/19/iran-war-skyscrapers-family-vacation-costs.html>

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<https://almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=4063>

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<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1736000/penn-dot-announces-virtual-plans-displays-for-bridge-projects>

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<https://www.mcall.com/2026/03/19/upper-macungie-planners-eli-lilly/>

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