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Top DEP Stories

Pa Environment Digest Blog: DEP Received Air Quality Permit For 4.6 Gigawatt Homer City Generation Natural Gas Power Plant For Data Center In Indiana County
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/05/dep-receives-air-quality-permit-for-46.html>

Mentions

Tribune-Review: Conservancy leads project to repair sinkhole near Route 30 in Unity
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/conservancy-leads-project-to-repair-sinkhole-near-route-30-in-unity/>

Inside Climate News: Scientists map where orphan wells pose threats to aquifers
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/04052025/scientists-map-where-orphan-wells-pose-threats-to-aquifers/>

Yahoo.com: Is Bucks County still in a drought? Depends on who you ask.
https://www.yahoo.com/news/bucks-county-still-drought-depends-090123492.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYmluZy5jb20v&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALWjdBc-YktlT-WcoZT-8GL_GWPBSIP4oNMfWSICZSjvKeTGIV8D4GFemTYDz-wvgpRfUKXz1MpC4GF--5vaGIQI5B0jjz9Li9zTwfqfByOMugKDJMOfjBAUoUDjQFImIW0qiVKsudCN-wg8LXH08a9zfOpnkhbfjV1dGy0qKRb

EPA

69news: EPA announces broad reorganization that includes shuffle of scientific research
https://www.wfmz.com/news/ap/ap-national/epa-announces-broad-reorganization-that-includes-shuffle-of-scientific-research/article_7b899cb9-7bb6-5fa8-b2ff-2ca9b09eaa1a.html

Conservation and Recreation

The Mon Valley Independent: Valley Rotarians raise the roof at Monessen City Park
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/05/03/valley-rotarians-raise-the-roof-at-monessen-city-park/>

Observer-Reporter: Gearing up for adventure Local groups attract cyclists of all skill levels
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/may/04/gearing-up-for-adventure-local-groups-attract-cyclists-of-all-skill-levels/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Editorial: To serve communities better, limit 'community engagement' on backed-up parks projects

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/05/04/community-engagement-parks-recreation-public-works/stories/202505040078>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh walks, mostly flat to quite hilly, reinvigorate springtime movement

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2025/05/05/pittsburgh-walking-tours/stories/202504250084>

Tribune-Democrat: 'Where our children play': Volunteers put funds to use by planting fruit and shade trees

https://www.tribdem.com/news/where-our-children-play-volunteers-put-funds-to-use-by-planting-fruit-and-shade-trees/article_84c96183-c60c-4af2-b70a-7142e58e486a.html

Allegheny Front: What amendments to the Endangered Species Act could mean for wildlife

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/amendments-endangered-species-act-wildlife/>

Allegheny Front: Points North: Bear Trouble

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/points-north-bear-trouble/>

Daily Courier: Bikers raise awareness for accessible trails for disabled

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/bikers-raise-awareness-for-accessible-trails-for-disabled/article_56c0eb2b-8483-4f96-a5aa-4be4ea8460a2.html

Butler Eagle: Butler school district students release trout into Sullivan Run

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250504/butler-school-district-students-release-trout-into-sullivan-run/>

WICU-TV: Party for the Planet and Scout Day at Erie Zoo

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/52743672/party-for-the-planet-and-scout-day-at-the-erie-zoo>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: PJM selects 51 energy projects for potential faster-track approval to boost grid reliability

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/02/pjm-interconnection-regional-reliability-plan.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Shell's chemical division, including Monaca, poised for rebound

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/02/shell-beaver-county-polymers-tariffs.html>

KDKA: Pa. lawmaker proposes hearing with residents, power companies following prolonged power outages

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-severe-weather-power-outages-proposed-hearing/>

WTAE: Only on 4: Pittsburgh International Airport's expanding solar field

<https://www.wtae.com/article/only-on-4-pittsburgh-international-airports-expanding-solar-field/64623248>

Sunbury Daily Item: LIHEAP energy program seen as a lifeline to many households

https://dailyitem-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?token=c02b0bdd9c107965aa079cd15ed225e4_6818ba5d_1406033&selDate=20250505&goTo=A001&artid=4

Waste

WICU-TV: Hundreds of People Recycle Old Tires and Electronics

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/52743589/hundreds-of-people-recycle-old-tires-and-electronics>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Transfer station in Williamsport placing limits on trucks, containers

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/05/transfer-station-in-williamsport-placing-limits-on-trucks-containers/>

Shamokin News Item: “Metal Mania” recycling event benefits Shamokin fire police

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/metal-mania-benefits-shamokin-fire-police/article_85354e9b-4417-4508-9fda-0f94a7a03307.html

Water

WPXI: Crews respond to water main break in Ross Township

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/crews-responding-water-main-break-ross-township/5LZ3QYFB4VEGBIQD4HTPKME7FM/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Missing ten-year-old girl feared to have drowned in Susquehanna River near South Williamsport after being swept over low-head dam

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/05/10-year-old-girl-feared-to-have-drowned-in-river-near-south-williamsport/>

Fox56: Crews search for missing 10-year-old girl in Susquehanna River

<https://fox56.com/news/local/crews-search-for-missing-10-year-old-girl-in-susquehanna-river>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Lycoming Commissioners approve grant funds for stream bank restoration

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/05/lycoming-county-commissioners-approve-grant-funds-for-stream-bank-restoration/>

Delaware currents: The Water Table is tackling workforce development

<https://delawarecurrents.org/2025/05/04/the-water-table-is-tackling-workforce-development/>

Miscellaneous

EHN: Pennsylvania health advocates say Trump's first 100 days in office have caused "100 harms" to local communities

<https://www.ehn.org/100-days-trump>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: National Weather Service offers some safety tips for summer storm season

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/05/national-weather-service-offers-some-safety-tips-for-summer-storm-season/>

Newsbreak: EPA restructuring to include cuts, consolidation, shifting resources

<https://www.newsbreak.com/upi-news-510013/3990783086299-epa-restructuring-to-include-cuts-consolidation-shifting-resources>

Patch.com: Cheltenham Considers Committee Focused On Walkers, Bikers

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/abington/cheltenham-considers-committee-focused-walkers-bikers>