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Top DEP Stories

The Mon Valley Independent: State officials celebrate PA SITES investment in Mon Valley project
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/05/20/state-officials-celebrate-pa-sites-investment-in-mon-valley-project/>

Observer-Reporter: Lieutenant governor discusses grant awarded to Mon Valley Alliance
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/may/20/lieutenant-governor-discusses-grant-awarded-to-mon-valley-alliance/>

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Mentions

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: CLEANING UP: Communities clean up 80,000-plus pounds of trash
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/05/cleaning-up-communities-clean-up-80000-plus-pounds-of-trash/>

Air

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Natural gas odor shuts down New Homestead polling place; voters redirected to Hays
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-local/2025/05/20/mount-rise-polling-place-shut-down/stories/202505200101>

Climate Change

WITF: Bucks County climate lawsuit against big oil tossed by Pa. judge
<https://www.witf.org/2025/05/19/bucks-county-climate-lawsuit-against-big-oil-tossed-by-pa-judge/>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Democrat: Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority talks test site for washout prevention
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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Observation is key for protecting natural resources

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Shapiro admin highlights invasive species removal

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/05/shapiro-admin-highlights-invasive-species-removal/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Reflections in Nature: Perfect time to watch birds gather nesting materials

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Hardwoods industry worries about tariffs

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Lock Haven Express: Springtime Alert: Leave young wildlife alone

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Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: PUC to hold hearings on Columbia Gas rate increase

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WTaj: Proposed bill would revamp Pennsylvania's energy plan for the future

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WFMZ: Exeter planners hear proposal for renewable natural gas facility

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<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/josh-shapiro-fracking-health-harms-pennsylvania-20250520.html>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

The Herald: Penn-Northwest awarded \$500,000 brownfield grant

https://www.sharonherald.com/news/penn-northwest-awarded-500-000-brownfield-grant/article_ee83dc47-fd49-43a6-84fa-bcceb996f99a.html

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Mining

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Public Source: Alcoa’s Australian refineries drove flight from two towns, and its waste threatens a third

<https://apps.publicsource.org/alcoa-mines-threaten-australia-forest-part-2/>

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Bucks County Today: Pennsylvania Judge Dismisses Bucks County’s Climate Lawsuit Against Fossil Fuel Companies

<https://bucksco.today/2025/05/bucks-countys-climate-lawsuit/>

Bucks County Today: EQT Corp. Powering Up for Growing AI Footprint in Pennsylvania

<https://bucksco.today/2025/05/eqt-corp-natural-gas-ai-footprint-pennsylvania/>

Radiation Protection

WGAL: Company restarting Three Mile Island asks Cumberland County residents to take survey\

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Vector Management

KDKA: Allegheny County Health Department treating stormwater catch basins for mosquitoes

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WPXI: Allegheny County crews start treating stormwater catch basins to control mosquito population

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Water

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KDKA: Generator sales on the rise in the Pittsburgh area following last month's severe storms
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/generator-sales-pittsburgh-area-storms-severe-weather/>

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<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/chemical-reaction-prompts-hazmat-response-south-side-sushi-bar/O4PI7PAFTBH2VCYBI3JOBTLWU/>

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<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/05/sinkhole-closes-busy-central-pa-road.html>

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<https://lebtown.com/2025/05/19/penndot-closes-route-422-for-sinkhole/>

Lock Haven Express: Trump budget to threaten ocean data, worrying boaters, forecasters

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/05/trump-budget-to-threaten-ocean-data-worrying-boaters-forecasters/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/life/outdoors/philadelphia-trees-wisteria-purple-flowers-20250520.html?variant=2>