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## **Top DEP Stories**

Republican Herald: DEP asked to shut down biosolids plant in Schuylkill County until odor control system installed

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NorthcentralPA.com: Ticks, tickborne illnesses on rise; Pennsylvanians urged to take precautions while outdoors this fall

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[https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/shapiro-recognizes-pennsylvania-veterinary-lab-field-staff-for-excellence-in-avian-flu-crisis-response/article\\_1d2a6c43-8918-520c-8544-1e64e49b7b16.html](https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/shapiro-recognizes-pennsylvania-veterinary-lab-field-staff-for-excellence-in-avian-flu-crisis-response/article_1d2a6c43-8918-520c-8544-1e64e49b7b16.html)

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/102523/page/5/story/land-use-is-important>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-dep-environmental-justice-new-policy/>

KDKA: Judge to visit site of Cheswick generating station in Springdale as injunction hearing continues  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/judge-to-visit-site-of-cheswick-generating-station-in-springdale-as-injunction-hearing-continues/>

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<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/derailment-costs-grow-for-norfolk-southern-but-railroads-trains-moving-more-smoothly/>

KDKA: East Palestine derailment costs grow for Norfolk Southern but railroad's trains moving more smoothly  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/east-palestine-derailment-costs-grow-norfolk-southern-railroads-trains-moving/>

### **Climate Change**

WICU-TV: JES Speaker on Wine, Spirits and Climate Change  
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Butler Eagle: AK Steel Plant 2 redevelopment plan wins award  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20231026/ak-steel-plant-2-redevelopment-plan-wins-award/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/102523/page/1/story/montour-commissioners-ok-100g-for-recreation-group>

Post-Gazette: Editorial: 3 years in, new information shows Pittsburgh parks tax is a fiasco  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2023/10/26/parks-tax-conservancy-bill-peduto-ed-gainey/stories/202310220046>

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Post-Gazette: 'The cloak has been removed': Appalachian hydrogen hub companies and projects finally revealed  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/10/26/appalachian-hydrogen-hub-projects-department-of-energy/stories/202310260094>

KDKA: Westinghouse moving to Etna to develop transportable nuclear battery  
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<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/49890781/work-continues-at-emi-site-along-12th-street>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/chester-residents-philly-trash-incinerator-city-council/>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-program-helps-residents-businesses-convert-lawns-to-meadows/>

PA Environment Digest Blog: EPA Region 3 Highlights Importance Of Children's Health Month With North Philadelphia Daycare Visit  
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2023/10/epa-region-3-highlights-importance-of.html>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/102623/page/1/story/deer-caught-in-classroom>

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