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Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times-Tribune: DEP: Keystone Sanitary Landfill violates permitting, state regulations by failing to control odors

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-keystone-sanitary-landfill-violates-permitting-state-regulations-by-failing-to-control-odors/article_0c1565a2-0fa8-51b4-a498-4d64bba8aa61.html

Mentions

Observer-Reporter: Residents air concerns about proposed limestone mine in Deemston

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2023/dec/15/residents-air-concerns-about-proposed-limestone-mine-in-deemston/>

Tribune-Review: Springdale planners hold off on renewing demolition permit for power plant site

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-planners-hold-off-on-renewing-demolition-permit-for-power-plant-site/>

East Palestine Train Derailment

Meadville Tribune: EPA begins formal review of toxic chemical burned in Ohio train derailment

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/epa-begins-formal-review-of-toxic-chemical-burned-in-ohio-train-derailment/article_224cb268-9af5-11ee-b76f-97ff72eca6a4.html

AP: EPA begins formal review of vinyl chloride, toxic chemical that burned in East Palestine train derailment

<https://apnews.com/article/vinyl-chloride-epa-ohio-train-chemicals-ed07e227be28e1d0fb742d4e01290d83>

Air

StateImpact: Pa. will have two years to update methane rules to match EPA

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/12/14/pa-will-have-two-years-to-update-methane-rules-to-match-epa/>

Climate Change

WTIF/StateImpact: Pa. will have two years to update methane rules to match EPA

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/12/14/pa-will-have-two-years-to-update-methane-rules-to-match-epa/>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: Paint the PA Wilds watercolor kits released

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/paint-the-pa-wilds-watercolor-kits-released/article_62add3c6-9aac-11ee-a8a3-5ff1dff7ef34.html

WICU-TV: Gannon University Breaks Ground on Native Propagation Greenhouse

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/50227674/gannon-university-breaks-ground-on-native-propagation-greenhouse>

NorthcentralPA:Tiadaghton Audubon Society seeks birdwatching volunteers in Tioga and Potter Counties

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/tiadaghton-audubon-society-seeks-birdwatching-volunteers-in-tioga-and-potter-counties/article_aa7dec1c-993b-11ee-8ab2-972ff9ab695d.html

Energy

Pennlive: Let's get to work on Pennsylvania's hydrogen hubs

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2023/12/lets-get-to-work-on-pennsylvanias-hydrogen-hubs-pennlive-letters.html>

York Daily Record: It's back: Developers file new plan for massive hydroelectric project on the Susquehanna

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2023/12/15/cuffs-run-hydroelectric-project-comes-back-after-being-rejected-ferc-susquehanna/71922526007/>

Observer-Reporter: NETL laser expert Dustin McIntyre on sustainable energy, personal passions

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/businessjournal/2023/dec/15/netl-laser-expert-dustin-mcintyre-on-sustainable-energy-personal-passions/>

Utility Dive: US electricity load growth forecast jumps 81% led by data centers, industry: Grid Strategies

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/electricity-load-growing-twice-as-fast-as-expected-Grid-Strategies-report/702366/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Corry Journal: Union City Borough takes chair company property by eminent domain

https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_bbefbeb8-99f8-11ee-97f1-b7aff64cc013.html

Pittsburgh Business Times: Steelers announce plans for new community field and recreation complex at Hazelwood Green

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/12/14/steelers-new-field-hazelwood-green.html>

Tribune-Review: Steelers to build community field, youth recreation complex at Hazelwood Green

<https://triblive.com/sports/steelers/steelers-to-build-community-field-youth-recreation-complex-at-hazelwood-green/>

High Path Avian Influenza

FOX43: Pennsylvania farmers prepare for avian flu outbreak

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/pennsylvania-farmers-prepare-for-avian-flu-outbreak-lancaster-farming-lancaster-county/521-dbe34993-a23a-4eca-9d63-086083105abe>

Oil and Gas

MyChesCo: Alarm Raised over Radioactive Fracking Waste Dangers in Pennsylvania

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/alarm-raised-over-radioactive-fracking-waste-dangers-in-pennsylvania/>

NorthcentralPA: Former Eureka employees ask DA Gardner for criminal investigation of workplace

https://www.northcentralpa.com/business/former-eureka-employees-ask-da-gardner-for-criminal-investigation-of-workplace/article_d95960ee-990d-11ee-9224-5bd1322cb482.html

Citizens Voice: Former Eureka Employees Ask Lycoming County DA For Criminal Investigation Of Workplace At Oil/Gas Wastewater Treatment Plant

https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/state/former-eureka-employees-ask-da-gardner-for-criminal-investigation-of-workplace/article_afc4c0e7-7e54-5e9a-9839-ef5dd9a472ce.html

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<https://www.sungazette.com/uncategorized/2023/11/fracking-water-spills-at-williamsport-company/>

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Tribune-Review: Mike Dunleavy and Jackson Morris: Legislators should come to table for Pa.'s energy future

<https://triblive.com/opinion/mike-dunleavy-and-jackson-morris-legislators-should-come-to-table-for-pa-s-energy-future/>

Water

WHYY: EPA proposes new water quality standards for fish living in the Delaware River

<https://whyy.org/articles/epa-delaware-river-oxygen-levels-standards-atlantic-sturgeon/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: New EPA rule would improve water quality, especially for struggling fish, in the Delaware River

<https://www.inquirer.com/science/delaware-river-epa-dissolved-oxygen-fish-rule-ammonia-20231214.html>

Carlisle Sentinel: Watershed steward program in Cumberland County takes new direction

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/watershed-steward-program-in-cumberland-county-takes-new-direction/article_134599aa-9871-11ee-afe4-03cc52acfe32.html#tracking-source=home-the-latest

Bedford Gazette: Campground owner ordered to pay fine

https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/campground-owner-ordered-to-pay-fine/article_30ddea70-d074-54d1-bbd5-3bf5480356fc.html

WGAL: Water thefts becoming a problem in Hanover, York County

<https://www.wgal.com/article/water-thefts-becoming-problem-hanover-york-county/46133122>

Mon Valley Independent: Monessen to save on sewer project

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2023/12/monessen-to-save-on-sewer-project/>

Post-Gazette: Bethany Hallam should be admonished for secret offer to get Weinstein back on Alcosan board, ethics panel says

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-local/2023/12/15/bethany-hallam-john-weinstein-alcosan-ethics-commission/stories/202312150067>

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Mercury: Hearing delayed for proposed hazardous materials storage site in Limerick

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2023/12/13/hearing-delayed-for-proposed-hazardous-materials-storage-site-in-limerick/>

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https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/state-grant-to-fund-nearly-1m-rail-project/article_6255e5b6-9ad0-11ee-8abb-c3150099cf15.html

Potter Leader- Enterprise: Several programs available for greener spaces

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter_leader_enterprise/news/local/several-programs-available-for-greener-spaces/article_b9a36390-99cf-11ee-bbfc-1392fc845b9d.html

Pennlive: Plan for 2 more warehouses in central Pa. brings questions, concerns from neighbors

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2023/12/effects-of-traffic-trucks-among-questions-posed-at-hearing-on-proposed-central-pa-business-park.html>

abc27: No demolition work yet at William Penn, but emergency order 'speeds up the process'

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/harrisburg/no-demolition-work-yet-at-william-penn-but-emergency-order-speeds-up-the-process/>