

Some clips may be behind a paywall. If you need access to these clips, email me at djagiela@pa.gov.

Top DEP Stories

Post-Gazette: End the emissions test requirement in Pa.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2020/01/16/End-the-emissions-test-requirement-in-Pa/stories/202001160047>

Maryland Matters: Va. Also Eyeing Suit Against Pa. to Protect Chesapeake Bay

<https://www.marylandmatters.org/blog/va-also-eyeing-suit-against-pa-to-protect-chesapeake-bay/>

Pennsylvania Capital-Star: Va. Gov. Northam 'discussing' whether to take legal action against Pa., EPA over Bay cleanup

<https://www.penncapital-star.com/blog/va-gov-northam-discussing-whether-to-take-legal-action-against-pa-epa-over-bay-cleanup/>

WITF: Maryland plans to sue Pennsylvania over Chesapeake Bay pollution

<https://www.witf.org/2020/01/15/maryland-plans-to-sue-pennsylvania-over-chesapeake-bay-pollution/>

Ridgeway Record: Registration is open for Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful initiative (pg 2)

<https://www.ridgewayrecord.com/sites/default/files/RR-01-16-20.pdf>

NorthcentralPA.com: Hughesville landowners hosting leaking well say Range Resources didn't cause contamination

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/local/hughesville-landowners-hosting-leaking-well-say-range-resources-didn-t/article_79e9b608-37d8-11ea-9d0f-538f1d8e2dc0.html

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Quick hits: PA news in brief: DEP issues warning to company about leaking Lycoming County gas well

http://www.tiogapublishing.com/news/state/quick-hits-pennsylvania-news-in-brief-for-wednesday-jan/article_54cc2ac3-f3e7-555e-9e2e-d49461086dc8.html

Mentions

Times Observer: Ellwood to get DEP approval for boiler install

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/business/2020/01/ellwood-to-get-dep-approval-for-boiler-install/>

Erie Times: Our view: What's next for site of Erie Coke?

<https://www.goerie.com/opinion/20200116/our-view-whats-next-for-site-of-erie-coke>

Bradford Era: Bill in Pa. House would bifurcate oil & gas regulations

http://www.bradfordera.com/news/local/bill-in-pa-house-would-bifurcate-oil-gas-regulations/article_18db1f24-795c-5b7b-9885-d4fee6567118.html

Times Observer: Brine on dirt road usage remains cloudy

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2020/01/brine-on-dirt-road-usage-remains-cloudy/>

Citizens' Voice: DOC recommendation to close SCI-Retreat draws criticism from local lawmakers
<https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/doc-recommendation-to-close-sci-retreat-draws-criticism-from-local-lawmakers-1.2583641>

Times Leader: DOC report recommends closing of SCI Retreat
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/769488/doc-report-recommends-closing-of-sci-retreat-5>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Supervisors approve sewer resolution, handicap ramp
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2020/01/supervisors-approve-sewer-resolution-handicap-ramp/>

Clearfield Progress: Curwensville authority customers given deadline to replace laterals
http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/curwensville-authority-customers-given-deadline-to-replace-laterals/article_3124f8aa-8871-5ec2-b068-943efccb730c.html

Clearfield Progress-News: County Solid Waste Authority briefed on illegal dumping
http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/county-solid-waste-authority-briefed-on-illegal-dumping/article_6073b034-cdb9-5fc7-8c45-ccccca9234d0.html

Air

Pennlive: A response to Matthew Kandrach's Op-Ed
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2020/01/a-response-to-matthew-kandrachs-op-ed-pennlive-letters.html>

Climate Change

Pittsburgh Business Times: Climate change will reshape markets, McKinsey warns
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/01/16/climate-change-will-reshape-markets-mckinsey-warns.html>

York Dispatch: Hottest decade ever? 'You haven't seen anything yet'
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2020/01/15/hottest-decade-ever-seen-anything-yet/41006521/>

Waynesboro Record Herald: Fever chart: Earth had its hottest decade on record in 2010s
<https://www.therecordherald.com/zz/news/20200115/fever-chart-earth-had-its-hottest-decade-on-record-in-2010s/1>

WITF: 2019 was the 2nd-hottest year on record, according to NASA and NOAA
<https://www.witf.org/2020/01/16/2019-was-the-2nd-hottest-year-on-record-according-to-nasa-and-noaa/>

Times Leader: Noah Smith: American leadership needed to fight climate change (Opinion)
<https://www.timesleader.com/opinion/op-ed/769461/noah-smith-american-leadership-needed-to-fight-climate-change-4>

Conservation & Recreation

Tribune-Review: Woman captures footage of swimming bear in Beaver County
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/woman-captures-footage-of-swimming-bear-in-beaver-county/>

Tribune-Review: Fox Chapel's Hardie property to be discussed at public meeting
<https://foxchapel.triblive.com/fox-chapels-hardie-property-to-be-discussed-at-public-meeting/>

WESA: New App Gives Outdoor Enthusiasts An Easy Way To Report Invasive Species
<https://www.wesa.fm/post/new-app-gives-outdoor-enthusiasts-easy-way-report-invasive-species>

Pennlive: Pennsylvania's Ghost Town Trail named 2020 Trail of the Year
<https://www.pennlive.com/life/2020/01/pennsylvanias-ghost-town-trail-named-2020-trail-of-the-year.html>

Lewistown Sentinel: Downtown Lewistown, Inc. secures development funds
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2020/01/downtown-lewistown-inc-secures-development-funds/>

Ridgway Record: Eagle Watch Day planned near Kinzua Dam (pg 1)
<https://www.ridgwayrecord.com/sites/default/files/RR-01-16-20.pdf>

Times Observer: USACE hosts annual Eagle Watch
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2020/01/eagle-eyes-2/>

National Geographic: Demand for ginseng is creating a "wild west" in Appalachia
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2020/01/ginseng-root-appalachia/#close>

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Farm, woodlot owners invited to Coffee and Conservation
http://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/farm-woodlot-owners-invited-to-coffee-and-conservation/article_96a632e4-c9d5-5b00-ab42-729379270fa2.html

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Commissioners approve preservation of farmland at January meeting
http://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/commissioners-approve-preservation-of-farmland-at-january-meeting/article_8db5fdc1-55cf-5b2e-bf11-68496bb207e9.html

PAPost: \$500 million needed for fixes to Pa.'s state parks. But there's no agreement on where to get that money
<https://papost.org/2020/01/15/500-million-needed-for-fixes-to-pa-s-state-parks-but-theres-no-agreement-on-where-to-get-that-money/>

Energy

FOX43: Adams County debates 1,000-acre solar farm
<https://fox43.com/2020/01/15/adams-county-debates-1000-acre-solar-farm/>

Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields

Corry Journal: Revitalization program being developed to fight blight

http://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_8c2bc8d8-37c4-11ea-962d-df68691e7b8e.html

Gant News: Clearfield County considering ordinance to combat blight

<https://gantdaily.com/2020/01/15/clearfield-county-considering-ordinance-to-combat-blight/>

Clearfield Progress-News: Commissioners consider anti-blight ordinance

http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/commissioners-consider-anti-blight-ordinance/article_1a00b1e2-001e-549a-952c-31ab7b321254.html

Mining

Standard Speaker: Deadline to reclaim stripmine in Tresckow pushed back to May

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/news/deadline-to-reclaim-stripmine-in-tresckow-pushed-back-to-may-1.2583613>

Oil and Gas

Lewistown Sentinel: 15 states oppose Trump plan to allow shipments of LNG by the railways

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2020/01/15-states-oppose-trump-plan-to-allow-shipments-of-lng-by-the-railways/>

Times Observer: State House takes brine off SB 790 legislation

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2020/01/state-house-takes-brine-off-sb-790-legislation/>

WICU-TV: Gannon University Interns Train to Survey All Erie Properties to Document Blight

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/41569656/gannon-university-interns-train-to-survey-all-erie-properties-to-document-blight>

NorthcentralPA.com: Hughesville landowners hosting leaking well say Range Resources didn't cause contamination

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/local/hughesville-landowners-hosting-leaking-well-say-range-resources-didn-t/article_79e9b608-37d8-11ea-9d0f-538f1d8e2dc0.html

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Natural gas service coming to Wyalusing; work to begin by early summer

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/natural-gas-service-coming-to-wyalusing-3/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: New full owner for Leatherstocking Gas Co.

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/new-full-owner-for-leatherstocking-gas-co/>

PFAS

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Hollywood, science & clean water

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-hollywood-science-clean-water/>

WITF: Bucks-Montco group joins nationwide petition to designate PFAS as hazardous waste

<https://www.witf.org/2020/01/16/bucks-montco-group-joins-nationwide-petition-to-designate-pfas-as-hazardous-waste/>

WHYY: Bucks-Montco group joins nationwide petition to designate PFAS as hazardous waste
https://whyy.org/articles/bucks-montco-group-joins-nationwide-petition-to-designate-pfas-as-hazardous-waste/?%3Futm_source=dvr&utm_medium=twitterauto&utm_campaign=social-inbound

Waste

Tribune-Review: North Huntingdon garbage complaints shrink, township officials say
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/north-huntingdon-garbage-complaints-shrink-township-officials-say/>

Tribune-Review: Waterworks Giant Eagle among 1st to eliminate plastic bags
<https://foxchapel.triblive.com/waterworks-giant-eagle-among-the-first-to-eliminate-plastic-bags/>

Herald-Standard: Masontown Borough Council increases disposal service bill amount through March
https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/masontown-borough-council-increases-disposal-service-bill-amount-through-march/article_88af5288-37d8-11ea-ad5c-0be7a566945b.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Police: 6 likely to face charges for illegal dump site
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/police-likely-to-face-charges-for-illegal-dump-site/article_a44fe145-17bc-54c4-a013-aadd50904bc7.html

Clearfield Progress-News: County recycling, refuse costs higher than expected
http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/county-recycling-refuse-costs-higher-than-expected/article_ad99263f-9153-528a-83f0-0e138fb02f92.html

Clearfield Progress-News: County Solid Waste Authority briefed on illegal dumping
http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/county-solid-waste-authority-briefed-on-illegal-dumping/article_6073b034-cdb9-5fc7-8c45-ccccca9234d0.html

Water

Mon Valley Independent: Liberty sets property tax, sewage rates for new year
<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2020/01/liberty-sets-property-tax-sewage-rates-for-new-year/>

Daily Courier: Connellsville Municipal Authority gets ready to begin work on \$22.4 million plant upgrade
<https://www.dailycourier.com/articles/connellsville-municipal-authority-gets-ready-to-begin-work-on-22-4-million-plant-upgrade/>

WPXI: 2 local schools closed Thursday due to water main break
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/top-stories/2-local-schools-closed-thursday-due-water-main-break/JPWJN7JJNVDVVFVKZ3GEU4LQQGE/>

Pennlive: Pa. House passes bill to strengthen penalties for not properly marking dams that can become 'drowning machines'
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/01/pa-house-passes-bill-to-strengthen-penalties-for-not-properly-marking-dams-that-can-become-drowning-machines.html>

Reading Eagle: Wyomissing resident complains to council about water quality

https://www.readingeagle.com/news/local/wyomissing-resident-complains-to-council-about-water-quality/article_039ed178-373c-11ea-97bb-cb046a9dba01.html

Carlisle Sentinel: Water line work to make King Street in Shippensburg one lane

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/communities/shippensburg/water-line-work-to-make-king-street-in-shippensburg-one/article_2cdde40a-af1d-5d09-ac42-b0e94b8b87b2.html

Meadville Tribune: Cost increases \$10K due to Bessemer Street waterline replacement project change

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cost-increases-k-due-to-bessemer-street-waterline-replacement-project/article_8e34b8c0-37dc-11ea-a51e-83139a4705f2.html

Corry Journal: Asbestos found in building scheduled for demolition

http://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_695bf726-37c7-11ea-ad88-738be26c1369.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Yaw speaks to Chesapeake Bay cleanup issue

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2020/01/yaw-speaks-to-chesapeake-bay-cleanup-issue/>

CNN.com: Donald Trump's war on toilets (and sinks and showers and dishwashers)

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/15/politics/donald-trump-toilet-sinks-dishwashers/index.html>

Sayre Morning Times: Athens Borough OKs new street sweeper

http://www.morning-times.com/news/article_51eb4540-1508-5b3b-950b-3e6215eee663.html

Clearfield Progress: Curwensville authority customers given deadline to replace laterals

http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/curwensville-authority-customers-given-deadline-to-replace-laterals/article_3124f8aa-8871-5ec2-b068-943efccb730c.html

DuBois Courier-Express: Little Toby Creek Watershed Association discusses Hayes Run, Blue Valley

http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/little-toby-creek-watershed-association-discusses-hayes-run-blue-valley/article_4b643a00-6cd6-576c-b8b8-c419c27aaad3.html

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Westfield Borough awards bids for sewer plant headworks equipment; hears it will not be allowed to drain the swamp

http://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/council-reorganizes-seeks-applicants-for-empty-seat/article_ce1c8fa0-84a5-5af4-8e42-abf63dbcb3d0.html

Times Leader: Temporary closing of Waller St. for Solomon Creek flood wall project

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/769527/temporary-closing-of-waller-st-for-solomon-creek-flood-wall-project>

Philadelphia Inquirer: 2 months of repairs needed for Old City water-main break

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/water-main-break-third-arch-old-city-repair-20200115.html>

Herald Mail Media: Antrim Township hires environmental attorney in battle over costly stormwater mandate

https://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri_state/pennsylvania/antrim-township-hires-environmental-attorney-in-battle-over-costly-stormwater/article_0fa02e12-9ca4-571c-a700-e96cda80d44c.html

Miscellaneous

Beaver County Times: Portion of Route 51 slated to reopen next week

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20200115/portion-of-route-51-slated-to-reopen-next-week>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Peduto pledges change in development approach by the city

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/01/15/peduto-pledges-change-in-development-approach-by.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: See how Pittsburgh commute time compares to other major metros

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/01/16/see-how-pittsburgh-commute-time-compares-to-other.html>

Delaware County Daily Times: Delco moves forward on establishing a health department

https://www.delcotimes.com/news/local/delco-moves-forward-on-establishing-a-health-department/article_369fb994-37db-11ea-abb4-8f572967eba2.html

Carlisle Sentinel: Silver Spring supervisors to further discuss Hempt Farm plan Thursday

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/silver-spring-supervisors-to-further-discuss-hempt-farm-plan-thursday/article_1c7a6fa6-d063-5e9e-9598-936f84c81c03.html

Altoona Mirror: Dumping of oil, gas drilling hazardous

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2020/01/dumping-of-oil-gas-drilling-hazardous/>

CBS21: Proposed Dauphin Co. warehouse project raises safety, environmental concerns

<https://local21news.com/news/local/proposed-dauphin-co-warehouse-project-raises-safety-environmental-concerns>

Meadville Tribune: Meadville approves support of Arc community green space

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/meadville-approves-support-of-arc-community-green-space/article_e69ec4aa-380a-11ea-a235-a349e207453d.html

Butler Eagle: Arguing continues over Grey Hawk plan

<http://www.butlereagle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20200116/NEWS01/701169864>

WJET-TV: Concerns raised about road near Erie's Bayfront

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/concerns-raised-about-road-near-eries-bayfront/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Obese bear in Union County club moving next week; Alec Baldwin pleaded with Gov. Wolf for freedom

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/obese-bear-in-union-county-club-moving-next-week-alec/article_684d01dc-37c1-11ea-a1f9-77f09e1c1035.html