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Top DEP Stories

Philadelphia Inquirer: COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN A potential water contamination crisis caused panic in Philadelphia. Experts say vague, late, and “very confusing” communication played a significant role.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/inq2/philadelphia-water-chemical-spill-kenney-carroll-communication-20230330.html>

Philadelphia Inquirer: The EPA doesn’t require safety tests for most chemicals, including the three that spilled into a Delaware River tributary

<https://www.inquirer.com/health/philadelphia-drinking-water-epa-acrylate-trinseo-20230331.html>

Mentions

Philadelphia Inquirer: Companies have discharged millions of pounds of toxic chemicals in the Delaware River the last five years, records show

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/delaware-river-pollution-toxic-chemical-companies-philadelphia-drinking-water-20230331.html>

Train Derailment

Clearfield Progress: Pennsylvania fire departments and first responders have been repaid \$1M by Norfolk Southern

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/pennsylvania-fire-departments-and-first-responders-have-been-repaid-1m-by-norfolk-southern/article_590fcaa4-cf0f-11ed-9ecd-1f70cf6b529c.html

KDKA: NTSB chair believes East Palestine train derailment happened due to overheated wheel bearing

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/ntsb-chair-new-details-east-palestine-train-derailment/>

KDKA: Yellowstone star and Ohio native expected to donate water filtration systems to East Palestine

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/yellowstone-star-and-ohio-native-expected-to-donate-water-filtration-systems-to-east-palestine/>

WTAE: Tracks reopen after train derailment in Butler County

<https://www.wtae.com/article/butler-county-train-derailment/43457944>

WTAE: DOJ files lawsuit against Norfolk Southern over East Palestine derailment

<https://www.wtae.com/article/doj-files-lawsuit-against-norfolk-southern/43477471>

Beaver County Radio: “Yellowstone” actor set to appear in East Palestine

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/yellowstone-actor-set-to-appear-in-east-palestine/>

Beaver County Radio: FETTERMAN, CASEY, BROWN INTRODUCE RAILWAY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT TO EXPAND RAIL SAFETY IN WAKE OF DERAILMENT

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/fetterman-casey-brown-introduce-railway-accountability-act-to-expand-rail-safety-in-wake-of-derailment/>

Post-Gazette: John Fetterman pushes for railroad safety in first bill as a senator

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-nation/2023/03/30/john-fetterman-first-bill-railroad-safety-east-palestine/stories/202303300122>

New Castle News: Railroad reimbursing fire departments

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/railroad-reimbursing-fire-departments/article_a0084302-cf1c-11ed-84fc-4740a723d60e.html

Climate Change

Pennlive: Rethinking gardens for climate change and tracking your plants' 'story

<https://www.pennlive.com/gardening/2023/03/rethinking-gardens-for-climate-change-and-tracking-your-plants-story-this-weekend-in-the-garden.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Daily Item: Streams stocked, trout season opens Saturday

https://www.dailyitem.com/pennsylvania/sports/streams-stocked-trout-season-opens-saturday/article_a5203983-06f8-553f-a53e-7c0478d1061e.html

Philly Burbs: Mulch operation on Buckingham farm halted -- for now

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/restricted/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.phillyburbs.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Flocal%2F2023%2F03%2F30%2Ffroehlichs-farm-in-buckingham-ordered-to-halt-mulch-operation-bucks-county-preserved-farm%2F70060905007%2F>

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/03/30/from-the-ground-up-spring-plant-sales-are-cropping-up/>

The Mercury: Staying safe in lightning storms: Tips about phones, toilets, cars, concrete

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2023/03/29/what-to-do-during-lightning-storms-tips-for-indoor-and-outdoor-safety/>

Fox 29: North Wildwood officials watch in frustration as beaches wash away, while waiting for state response

<https://www.fox29.com/news/north-wildwood-officials-watch-in-frustration-as-beaches-wash-away-await-state-and-federal-response>

Tribune-Review: Westmoreland Conservancy officials seek off-road riders who damaged reserve property

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/westmoreland-conservancy-officials-seek-off-road-riders-who-damaged-reserve-property/>

Reuters: US wants to lease public lands for conservation, Interior Dept says

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-wants-lease-public-lands-conservation-interior-dept-says-2023-03-30/#:~:text=US%20wants%20to%20lease%20public%20lands%20for%20conservation%2C%20Interior%20Dept%20says>

FOX43: Opening day of trout season is this Saturday

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Bradford Era: April Full Moon Walk program in ANF offered

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WPXI: How to prepare for another weekend of power outages

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/how-prepare-another-weekend-power-outages/YDK2BGT535EH5PFBO77D6ODKSA/>

WESA: Putting equity in energy: Local partners celebrate solar program for low-income homeowners

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-03-31/putting-equity-in-energy-local-partners-celebrate-solar-program-for-low-income-homeowners>

Beaver County Radio: House GOP approves broad bill to 'unleash' American energy

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Tribune-Democrat: Somerset County partners in program to connect biz property owners with clean energy incentive

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AP: U.S. renewable electricity surpassed coal in 2022

<https://apnews.com/article/renewable-energy-coal-nuclear-climate-change-dd4a0b168fe057f430e37398615155a0>

PoliticsPA: Fetterman, Casey, Brown Introduce Rail Safety Legislation

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<https://local21news.com/news/local/pink-energy-customers-left-with-lasting-effects-of-shutdown-solar-energy-bankruptcy-generac#>

High Path Avian Influenza

Daily Review: Shapiro joins farmers to highlight commonwealth's action, proposed investments to address avian flu crisis

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Tribune-Democrat: Mining company removing big waste coal pile in Tire Hill

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<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2023/03/31/res-coal-asks-conemaugh-township-supervisors-to-consider-zoning-change/70063422007/>

Vector Management

WJAC: Lyme disease vaccine study is underway in our area

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/new-lyme-disease-vaccine-study-is-underway-in-our-area>

Erie Times: Pennsylvania won't tell you if dangerous tick-borne disease is in your neighborhood

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2023/03/31/babesiosis-tick-borne-illness-on-rise-in-northeast-pa-doesnt-track/70040802007/>

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https://www.republicanherald.com/news/mosquitoes-ticks-highlighted-in-presentation-at-sweet-arrow-lake-county-park/article_ced550e1-3b82-5507-b69e-6d886a8d3d44.html

Waste

Levittown Now: Household Hazardous Waste Collection This Saturday In Newtown

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/bethel-park-elementary-students-hold-metal-recycling-drive/>

KDKA Radio: Visit the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium for free in April when you recycle an electronic

<https://www.audacy.com/kdkaradio/news/local/pittsburgh-zoo-admission-is-free-in-april-when-you-recycle>

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<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2023/03/blair-transfers-475-acres-of-land-near-buckhorn-to-irc/>

Water

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Centre Daily Times: State College Borough Water Authority will cease fluoridation at the end of the month

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article273742255.html#storylink=cpy>

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Miscellaneous

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Delco Times: A sequel to Granite Run apartments is under construction

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/03/30/sequel-granite-run-apartments-under-construction/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: FDR Park's Southeast Asian Market reopens this weekend

<https://www.inquirer.com/food/fdr-park-southeast-asian-market-hours-2023-season-open-20230331.html>

CBS News: PECO's Nicole Levine aims to inspire more women to become STEM leaders

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/nicole-levine-peco-coo-stem-leaders-womens-history-month/>

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