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## Top DEP Stories

WESA: At onset of black fly larva season, Pennsylvania bites back

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-04-14/black-fly-larva-suppression>

Bradford Era: DEP begins black fly suppression program

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Gant News: DEP begins black fly suppression program

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## Mentions

Lehighvalleylive: Landfill expansion plan stalled in Slate Belt as Township considers outside review

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MyChesco.com: Pennsylvania DEP Launches Annual Black Fly Suppression Program

[https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-dep-launches-annual-black-fly-suppression-program/#google\\_vignette](https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-dep-launches-annual-black-fly-suppression-program/#google_vignette)

## Homer City Implosion

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Last coal stacks in Homer City demolished as power plant set to be converted

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/04/13/homer-city-pennsylvania-coal-gas-ai-datacenter/stories/202504130099>

WTAE: Remaining coal plant stack at Homer City Generating Station demolished; Plans to build energy campus

<https://www.wtae.com/article/stack-homer-city-generating-station-demolished-build-energy-campus/64467737>

Allegheny Front: In Western Pennsylvania, an old coal town gets a gas-fired data center

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-homer-city-power-plant-data-center/>

## **Air**

LOE.org: Complex Air Pollution and Public Health

<https://loe.org/shows/segments.html?programID=25-P13-00015&segmentID=3>

## **Climate Change**

WITF: Trump's new energy order puts states' climate laws in the crosshairs of the Department of Justice

<https://www.witf.org/2025/04/11/trumps-new-energy-order-puts-states-climate-laws-in-the-crosshairs-of-the-department-of-justice/>

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Meadville Tribune: State fish hatchery open house is today

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Wildlife corridors decrease animal-vehicle crashes by up to 97%. So where are they?

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/04/12/pennsylvania-highway-wildlife-corridors-vehicle-crashes/stories/202504110071>

Allegheny Front: A trip down the Youghiogheny River through photos

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/youghiogheny-river-photos-essays-ohiopyle-tim-palmer/>

Allegheny Front: EPA announces commitment to protect fish in the Delaware River

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/delaware-river-epa-fish-water-pollution/>

Union Progress: Allegheny County ready to develop 'Brilliant' trail across Allegheny River at Aspinwall

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2025/04/13/allegheny-county-ready-to-develop-brilliant-trail-across-allegheny-river-at-aspinwall/>

Lebtown.com: Millcreek Township supervisors field concerns about walking path

<https://lebtown.com/2025/04/14/millcreek-township-fields-concerns-about-walking-path/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Mifflin County accepting Agland Preservation Program applications

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2025/04/mifflin-county-accepting-agland-preservation-program-applications/>

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## **Drought**

WFMZ: Drought hangs on despite April showers  
[https://www.wfmz.com/weather/drought-hangs-on-despite-april-showers/article\\_1371f78d-186d-429a-b52a-d858f645f184.html](https://www.wfmz.com/weather/drought-hangs-on-despite-april-showers/article_1371f78d-186d-429a-b52a-d858f645f184.html)

## **Energy**

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Pennsylvania PUC approves wider access to Duquesne Light's off-peak electricity program  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/04/11/duquesne-light-rate-program.html>

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Pittsburgh emerges as hub for critical electrical components amid surging global demand  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/04/11/hitachi-energy-meppi-energy-infrastructure.html>

Shamokin News-Item: SEDA-COG to host public meeting in Shamokin on EV community charging stations  
[https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/seda-cog-to-host-public-meeting-in-shamokin-on-ev-community-charging-stations/article\\_e287b8a2-975b-40b8-a923-cc280cc38fa3.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/seda-cog-to-host-public-meeting-in-shamokin-on-ev-community-charging-stations/article_e287b8a2-975b-40b8-a923-cc280cc38fa3.html)

## **Mining**

Allegheny Front: Advocates, environmentalists split as Trump signs orders to bolster coal industry  
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Lancaster Online: Evergreen golf owners, nearby quarry disagree over cause of sinkholes  
[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/evergreen-golf-owners-nearby-quarry-disagree-over-cause-of-sinkholes/article\\_237c0cf7-b451-4b73-a5d1-b2dc5863be2e.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/evergreen-golf-owners-nearby-quarry-disagree-over-cause-of-sinkholes/article_237c0cf7-b451-4b73-a5d1-b2dc5863be2e.html)

CBS21: Family-owned golf course in Manheim closing after legal battle over sinkholes  
<https://local21news.com/news/local/family-owned-golf-course-in-manheim-closes-after-legal-battle-over-sinkholes-evergreen-pennsy-supply-quarry-department-of-environmental-protection-permanent-closure#>

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WHYY: Gas industry group that includes PGW lobbies against federal funding for Philadelphia and state  
<https://whyy.org/articles/pgw-lobbying-against-federal-funding-philadelphia-pennsylvania/>

## **Radiation Protection**

Morning Call: A Lehigh County student studied radon in school. Some school districts are taking action.  
<https://www.mcall.com/2025/04/11/lehigh-valley-radon-in-schools/>

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[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-countys-emergency-management-division-holds-nuclear-disaster-training-photos/collection\\_ca962034-b021-4de8-aef8-1a5843b2a744.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-countys-emergency-management-division-holds-nuclear-disaster-training-photos/collection_ca962034-b021-4de8-aef8-1a5843b2a744.html)

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/parks-township-nuclear-waste-cleanup-now-set-to-start-in-fall/>

Central Penn Business Journal: Goodwill Keystone has crafted an ewaste recycling winner  
<https://www.cpbj.com/goodwill-keystone-has-crafted-an-ewaste-recycling-winner/>

WTAJ: Volunteers pick trash up along the banks of Little Juniata River  
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/pa-outdoors/volunteers-pick-trash-up-along-the-banks-of-little-juniata-river/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Lycoming County Commissioners downgrade pay for Resource Management Services director position in wake of current head's resignation  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/04/lycoming-county-commissioners-downgrade-pay-for-resource-management-services-director-position-in-wake-of-current-heads-resignation/>

## **Water**

Bradford Era: How a rainy day and finicky fish launched a Pennsylvania program dedicated to unpaved roads  
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Bradford Era: Why water fluoridation, long considered a public health success story, is under scrutiny  
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<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/insight/2025/04/13/pittsburgh-ai-research-energy-resources-carnegie-mellon-upmc-ahn-defense/stories/202504130028>

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News from the States: Trump has canceled environmental justice grants. Here's what communities are losing.  
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CBS: Can climate change really create zombie fungi, like in "The Last of Us"?  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/zombie-fungi-cordyceps-the-last-of-us/>