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Top DEP Stories

WTAE: DEP issues compliance order to Beaver County slag dump for burning solid waste without permit
<https://www.wtae.com/article/pennsylvania-beaver-county-burn-compliance-order/65620152>

Shamokin News-Item: DEP declares Code Orange Air Quality Action Day for Northumberland County
https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/dep-declares-code-orange-air-quality-action-day-for-northumberland-county/article_9e09712c-396e-4cc8-be9f-210217d49a39.html

Wellsboro Gazette: Wildfire smoke blankets PA
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/community/wildfire-smoke-blankets-pa/article_08004d03-9842-4d67-87e7-7a7aff917309.html

Sayre Morning-Times: Code Orange air quality declared in Bradford County
https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_f82a0ce0-add2-54c7-8834-872caec3ff38.html

Farm and Dairy: Penn State offers landowners \$100 per undocumented well
<https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/penn-state-extension-offers-100-per-undocumented-well/880198.html>

WPSU: "Common sense" precautions recommended as Canadian wildfires impact central PA air quality
<https://radio.wpsu.org/2025-08-05/canadian-wildfires-impact-central-pa-air-quality-warning-dep>

Mentions

Butler Eagle: Connoquenessing Twp decides on land surveying for sewer plan, status of sewer authority
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250807/connoquenessing-twp-decides-on-land-surveying-for-sewer-plan-status-of-sewer-authority/>

Meadville Tribune: 'Forever and ever': Easement ensures enduring protection of property on French Creek
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/forever-and-ever-easement-ensures-enduring-protection-of-property-on-french-creek/article_3e2a58fb-add0-4805-b535-e99e179b88ef.html

Air

KDKA: Potential connection between air quality in the Mon Valley and student absenteeism
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/connection-air-quality-student-absenteeism-mon-valley/>

FOX56: "We're surrounded:" Archbald residents express concerns over data center proposals

<https://fox56.com/news/local/were-surrounded-archbald-residents-express-concerns-over-data-center-proposals>

Tri-County Independent: Canada wildfires smoke clears in US, where threat expected

<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/story/weather/2025/08/07/canadian-wildfires-smoke-air-quality-map-midwest-northeast-vermont-containment/85554774007/>

Climate Change

Associated Press: July was Earth's third-warmest on record, EU scientists say

<https://apnews.com/article/july-heat-climate-change-europe-6259823ba6a5eb3aa9ea18d0afa958a6>

Conservation and Recreation

Chestnut Hill Local: A swim in the Schuylkill

<https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/stories/a-swim-in-the-schuylkill,37630>

Pennlive: Invasive 'growing threat' fish species in Susquehanna River outlet targeted by new legislation

<https://www.pennlive.com/life/2025/08/invasive-growing-threat-fish-species-in-susquehanna-river-outlet-targeted-by-new-legislation.html>

Meadville Tribune: Judge's decision preserves access to Conneaut Lake end of Ernst Trail

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/judges-decision-preserves-access-to-conneaut-lake-end-of-ernst-trail/article_4961b8f4-7d78-492e-ab9e-f3e1ac179d23.html

The Morning Call: Lehigh Valley residents optimistic about future, according to Muhlenberg College poll

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/07/what-do-lehigh-valley-residents-think-about-life-in-the-region-new-poll-reveals-optimism/>

Penn State Extension: Summertime in Riparian Buffers: Maintenance Items to Consider

<https://extension.psu.edu/summertime-in-riparian-buffers-maintenance-items-to-consider>

Energy

WTAE: Developers present initial ideas for Cheswick Power Station redevelopment

<https://www.wtae.com/article/developers-present-initial-ideas-for-cheswick-power-station-redevelopment/65620212>

KDKA: Former site of Springdale power plant could become high-tech AI data center

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/proposed-ai-data-center-springdale/>

Tribune-Review: Residents see 1st glimpse of proposed Springdale data center

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/residents-see-first-glimpse-of-proposed-springdale-data-center/>

Associated Press: EPA cancels \$7 billion Biden-era grant program to boost solar energy
<https://apnews.com/article/trump-solar-clean-energy-epa-zeldin-19c838ee2d9be3e80aadb5dfe0526891>

Oil and Gas

Public Source: Children sue EQT over illness, distress they say are linked to company's WV operations
<https://www.publicsource.org/eqt-fracking-westvirginia-health-pollution-energy-pittsburgh-lawsuit/>

Marcellus Drilling News: Northeast PA School Connecting to Locally-Produced Marcellus Gas
<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2025/08/northeast-pa-school-connecting-to-locally-produced-marcellus-gas/>

PFAS

WHYY: Pennsylvania residents, firefighters support legislation to ban toxic firefighting foam
<https://whyy.org/articles/pfas-toxic-firefighting-foam-pennsylvania-ban-legislature/>

Radiation Protection

The Sentinel: Public opinion ranges on TMI, now Crane, nuclear
https://cumberlink.com/news/state-regional/pennsylvania/article_c994afcd-7ccb-5d7c-9f6d-8a1200050f06.html

Water

WESA: Health of Pittsburgh's rivers has improved, but still faces threats from pollution, report says
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-08-07/pittsburgh-rivers-health-improved-threats>

KDKA: A fire destroyed a Harmar Township home. Residents say it could have been saved if the neighborhood had fire hydrants.
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/harmar-township-werner-camp-road-fire-hydrants/>

Standard Speaker: A walk in the wetlands
<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/08/06/a-walk-in-the-wetlands/>

Lehigh Valley News: Easton planners reject rerouting stream on Easton Commerce Park property
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/easton/easton-planners-reject-rerouting-stream-on-easton-commerce-park-property>

The Morning Call: Allentown orders Jordan Creek encampment to vacate, cites safety
<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/06/allentown-orders-evacuation-of-jordan-park-homeless-encampment-citing-flood-risk-advocates-say-itll-cause-chaos/>

Miscellaneous

Observer-Reporter: Weather watching: Statewide monitoring alert system updated

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/aug/07/weather-watching-statewide-monitoring-alert-system-updated/>

Inquirer: Federal regulators want information from SEPTA on electric bus fire

<https://www.inquirer.com/transportation/septa-fta-inquiry-electric-bus-fire-20250807.html>

Scranton Times: Convenience store developer proposes AI data centers in Blakely

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/08/06/convenience-store-developer-proposes-ai-data-centers-in-blakely/>