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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: McKean Co. due \$1.24 million to plug wells

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/08/07/mckean-co-due-1-24-million-plug-wells/>

WTaj: \$7M awarded to plug over 300 wells in Pennsylvania

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/over-7m-awarded-to-plug-over-300-wells-in-pennsylvania/>

MSN.com: Air quality alert issued for Centre County due to smoke from Canadian wildfires

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/air-quality-alert-issued-for-centre-county-due-to-smoke-from-canadian-wildfires/ar-AA1JWftj>

MSN.com: Wildfire smoke over PA could make it tougher for some to breathe; here's when to expect relief

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/wildfire-smoke-over-pa-could-make-it-tougher-for-some-to-breathe-here-s-when-to-expect-relief/ar-AA1JXM50>

Mentions

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Hazardous dump — enough is enough

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-hazardous-dump-enough-is-enough/>

Butler Eagle: Pennsylvania American Water says water safe despite odd taste, odor

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250807/pa-american-water-says-water-safe-despite-odd-taste-odor/>

Yahoo! News: Pennsylvania lawmaker concerned “getting stuff done” is cutting corners

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/pennsylvania-lawmaker-concerned-getting-stuff-224118444.html>

Lehigh Valley Business.com: Governor touts AWS \$20B investment in Bucks County

<https://lvb.com/governor-touts-aws-20b-investment-in-bucks-county/>

Bucks County Herald: State fast-tracking Amazon's data center campus in Lower Bucks

https://www.buckscountyherald.com/news/business/state-fast-tracking-amazons-data-center-campus-in-lower-bucks/article_7912581e-1b2d-4a65-8f56-5dfd95e97598.html?

Levittown Now: Permitting Changes Help Bring Jobs, Development, Governor Says In Falls Twp.

<https://levittownnow.com/2025/08/08/permitting-changes-help-bring-jobs-development-governor-says-in-falls-twp/>

Air

WTAE: People living near Edgar Thomson Works receive settlement check in lawsuit against U.S. Steel
<https://www.wtae.com/article/edgar-thomson-works-receive-settlement-check-lawsuit-us-steel/65609558?id=vQndibeaTS>

Climate Change

Philly Burbs: Bucks County farmers weather season of extremes. How crops are faring so far
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/2025/08/08/bucks-county-farms-crops-pick-your-own-summer-fall-rain-drought-doylestown-perkasie-pa/85561900007/>

Conservation and Recreation

NEXTpittsburgh: What happened to Pittsburgh's riverfront beach?
<https://nextpittsburgh.com/city-design/what-happened-to-pittsburghs-riverfront-beach/>

Tri County Independent: Sporty hair wows Wayne County Fair in mullet contest
<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/videos/news/county-fair/2025/08/08/wayne-county-fair-first-mullet-contest/85564297007/>

The Morning Call: Easton bike trail grant is part of lawsuit vs. Trump administration
<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/08/easton-trail-grant-lawsuit/>

Republican Herald: Photos: Hiking with Hemlock Hannah at Locust Lake State Park
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/07/photos-hiking-with-hemlock-hannah-at-locust-lake-state-park/>

Clarion News: Skywalk at Kinzua Bridge to temporarily reopen
https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/skywalk-at-kinzua-bridge-to-temporarily-reopen/article_5ba69bba-434c-450e-b6eb-0e01862b1444.html

NRCS: USDA NRCS welcomes Ag Progress Days visitors to learn more about healthy soil, conservation
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/pennsylvania/news/usda-nrcs-welcomes-ag-progress-days-visitors-to-learn-more-about>

Energy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Shaline Kishore and Arindam Banerjee: Pa. may not have enough electricity for AI and everyone else
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/08/08/ai-electricity-demand-generation-water-consumer-peak-kishore-banerjee/stories/202508050003>

Tribune-Review: Springdale data center could be one of many in region

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-data-center-could-be-one-of-many-in-region/>

Patch.com: What Is Potassium Iodide? Why It's Distributed Near Limerick Nuclear Plant

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/limerick/what-potassium-iodide-why-its-distributed-near-limerick-nuclear-plant>

Billy Penn: Trump administration bashes green technology while investigating SEPTA electric bus fires

<https://billypenn.com/2025/08/08/fta-trump-septa-bus-fire-green-deal/>

CBS3: PECO says "significant progress" made on delayed billing issue as frustrated customers still wait

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/peco-delayed-billing-pennsylvania/>

Oil and Gas

WESA: West Virginia families sue EQT over fracking pollution

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-08-07/west-virginia-families-sue-eqt-over-fracking-pollution>

Radiation Protection

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Free KI tablets for neighbors of nuclear plant

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/080825/page/3/story/free-ki-tablets-for-neighbors-of-nuclear-plant>

Vector Management

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: West Nile Virus in town, say experts

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/080725/page/1/story/west-nile-virus-in-town-say-experts>

Waste

Republican Herald: Sewer fee hike in works in Schuylkill Haven

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/08/schuylkill-haven-moving-toward-sewer-fee-hike/>

Water

Scranton Times: PUC completes review of Pennsylvania American Water NEPA service, quality

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/08/07/puc-completes-review-of-pennsylvania-american-water-nepa-service-quality/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: South Centre Twp. moves ahead on public sewer system

https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/080825/page/1/story/south-centre-township-moves-ahead-on-public-sewer-system#google_vignette

Penn Capital-Star: Experts slam Chesapeake Bay draft plan over lack of pollution targets and accountability

<https://penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/experts-slam-chesapeake-bay-draft-plan-over-lack-of-pollution-targets-and-accountability/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Alligator spotted during a fishing trip in Bristol Township's Magnolia Lake

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/alligator-sighting-bristol-township-pennsylvania-fishing-20250808.html>

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/magnolia-lake-alligator-caught-bucks-county-kyle-asplundh/>

Fox29: Alligator spotted in Bucks County lake captured safely, heading to new home

<https://www.fox29.com/news/bucks-county-alligator-safely-caught>

Philly Burbs: Young alligator spotted in Bucks County lake captured by Florida man. What we know

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/08/08/alligator-in-bucks-county-lake-in-bristol-township-caught-on-video-magnolia-lake-silver-lake-pa/85568188007/>

Miscellaneous

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AXIOS: Inside the fight to stop Pennsylvania pigeon trafficking

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/08/08/pennsylvania-pigeon-shoots-nyc-bird-thefts>

Republican Herald: SHAHS Biology Club wins PA Governor's Award

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/07/shahs-biology-club-wins-pa-governors-award/>

Lehigh Valley Times: 'Where do I go?': Residents in shock after Allentown moves to evict homeless encampment

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/allentown/where-do-i-go-residents-in-shock-after-allentown-moves-to-evict-homeless-encampment>

Philly Voice: N.J. reaches 'landmark' settlement worth up to \$2 billion with chemical companies for PFAS contamination

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/new-jersey-pfas-settlement-dupont-forever-chemicals/>