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Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: DEP now accepting applications for Environmental Education Grant Awards

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/08/dep-now-accepting-applications-for.html>

Tioga Publishing: State awards funds for well plugging projects

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter_leader_enterprise/community/state-awards-funds-for-well-plugging-projects-project-targets-102-wells-in-mckean-potter-tioga/article_6e225ae5-9b0b-47f8-b708-efb3585e3703.html

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Mon Valley to get additional air quality monitoring after Clairton Coke Works explosion

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2025/08/14/clairton-coke-works-air-quality-monitoring/stories/202508140099>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 2nd man killed in Clairton Coke Works explosion identified

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/career-workplace/2025/08/14/us-steel-clairton-coke-works-explosion-victim/stories/202508130051>

Associated Press: Air quality concerns linger in the wake of steel plant explosion in Pennsylvania

<https://apnews.com/article/pennsylvania-steel-plant-explosion-ac04fad0d1cb7d7abe516d4b646c9a40>

KDKA: Since explosion at U.S. Steel plant in Clairton, concerns surround limited coke-making capacity

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/explosion-u-s-steel-plant-clairton-coke-production/>

WPXI: 2nd person killed in Clairton Coke Works explosion identified

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/2nd-person-killed-clairton-coke-works-explosion-identified/CUJYWO2PCJBHFFR4VUKG2AV3FU/>

Tribune-Review: Allegheny County steps up pollution checks after Clairton blast

<https://triblive.com/news/health-now/allegheny-county-steps-up-pollution-checks-after-clairton-blast/>

WESA: Allegheny County deploys mobile air quality monitors near Clairton Coke Works

<https://www.wesa.fm/health-science-tech/2025-08-14/allegheny-county-mobile-air-quality-monitors-clairton-coke-works>

Conservation and Recreation

Observer-Reporter: Canonsburg council OKs tree removal contract

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/aug/14/canonsburg-council-oks-tree-removal-contract/>

WESA: Campgrounds at Raystown Lake to reopen in phased rollout starting this week

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-08-15/raystown-lake-campgrounds-reopening>

Lancaster Online: Raystown Lake campgrounds to reopen after DOGE shutdown

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/raystown-lake-campgrounds-to-reopen-after-doge-shutdown/article_69bf0eeb-2be7-5454-9491-093b37e752be.html

ABC27: Near-century deal lands Lancaster a nature preserve

<https://www.abc27.com/news/environment/near-century-deal-lands-lancaster-a-nature-preserve/>

The Derrick: Habitat project planned for Salmon Creek in Forest County next week

https://www.thederrick.com/news/community_news/habitat-project-planned-for-salmon-creek-in-forest-county-next-week/article_98ce8a45-08bb-4410-83f5-627403c794d2.html

WJET-TV: Concerns for Lake Erie's water quality spark following closure of Beach 11

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/concerns-for-lake-eries-water-quality-spark-following-closure-of-beach-11/>

LehighValleyNews: 2025 Bake Oven Knob Hawk Watch begins Friday. Here's how to volunteer

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/the-bake-oven-knob-hawk-watch-begins-today-heres-how-to-volunteer>

Sunbury Daily Item: Union County reaches \$147k settlement in Conservation District employee termination dispute

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/union-county-reaches-147k-settlement-in-employee-termination-dispute/article_5a5697ea-4869-4ee3-9aa9-9e35db0a85da.html

Drought

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Montour Township burn ban in effect through Sept. 4

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/081525/page/3/story/montour-township-burn-ban-in-effect-through-sept-4>

Energy

KDKA: Buffalo Township supervisors move forward with controversial solar farm project

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/buffalo-township-solar-farms-project/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Electricity prices are surging, opening up a new line of attacks against Republicans

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-nation/2025/08/14/electricity-prices-republicans/stories/202508140076>

Reading Eagle: Met-Ed fixes issue causing frequent power outages in southern Berks

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/08/14/met-ed-fixes-issue-causing-frequent-power-outages-in-southern-berks/>

AP News: Solar panels that fit on your balcony or deck are gaining traction in the US

<https://apnews.com/article/balcony-plug-solar-climate-energy-renewable-trump-c162abf520da0fa155dc971270b8684a>

Sunbury Daily Item: Planned data center project canceled in Union County

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Sunbury Daily Item: Danville Borough will consider ordinances to manage solar panels, data centers

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Mining

Republican Herald: Lithuanian Days festival to celebrate coal miner heritage

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/14/lithuanian-days-festival-celebrates-coal-miner-heritage/>

Oil and Gas

Penn State News: More efficient approach to shale wells could boost oil output, store emissions

<https://www.psu.edu/news/earth-and-mineral-sciences/story/more-efficient-approach-shale-wells-could-boost-oil-output-store>

PFAS

Chambersburg Public Opinion: MD, PA residents can check for 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/2025/08/15/pfas-epa-forever-chemicals-drinking-water-pollution/85657487007/>

Gettysburg Times: Raise a glass of... chemicals?

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/life_entertainment/columns/article_83c19e75-5abe-43cd-b38e-3a7554a8ffe8.html

Radiation Protection

WFMZ: Health officials distribute potassium iodide pills to people near Limerick nuclear plant

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/eastern-berks-county/health-officials-distribute-potassium-iodide-pills-to-people-near-limerick-nuclear-plant/article_55e5935e-e79b-4855-8d71-3e1a17961ffc.html

Vector Management

KDKA: Seven Pittsburgh neighborhoods to be treated after ACHD finds additional West Nile Virus in mosquito samples

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/allegheeny-county-health-department-west-nile-pittsburgh-treating/>

Lancaster Farming: When it Comes to Invasive Species, Recognition is Key to Management

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ABC27: West Nile Virus sample collected in Dauphin County park

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/west-nile-virus-sample-collected-in-dauphin-county-park/>

Waste

KDKA: Robinson Township under boil water advisory as of Thursday afternoon

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/robinson-township-boil-water-advisory-august-2025/>

Water

WTAE: Water main break leads to road restrictions in Stowe Township

<https://www.wtae.com/article/water-main-break-leads-to-road-restrictions-in-stowe-township/65777410>

WPXI: All customers under boil water notice in Municipal Authority of the Township of Robinson

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/all-customers-under-boil-water-notice-municipal-authority-township-robinson/NCFS6UGO2RAQTHPP2TH65YZIGE/>

CBS21: Customers express mixed reactions after Veolia Water provides cause for discolored water

<https://local21news.com/news/local/customers-express-mixed-reactions-after-veolia-water-provides-cause-for-discolored-water#>

Meadville Tribune: Hillcrest tank relining underway

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/hillcrest-tank-relining-underway/article_56de856c-f508-4640-a398-fd0ce02bf5d5.html

Meadville Tribune: Abandoned service line identified as source of North Street leak

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<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/rain-delays-repairs-on-massive-hole-on-horton-street-in-wilkes-barre-luzerne-county-construction-flash-flooding/523-408c11a2-4080-457c-9058-e737f8f9c253?tbref=hp>

Times Leader: Heated discussion on Horton Street sinkholes dominates Wilkes-Barre City Council meeting

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Miscellaneous

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/08/14/covestro-manufacturing-plant-thailand-texas.html>

Union Progress: Heartfelt donation of outdoor AED devices in Pittsburgh and regional parks aims to save lives

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2025/08/15/heartfelt-donation-of-outdoor-aed-devices-in-pittsburgh-and-regional-parks-aims-to-save-lives/>

Pennlive: How Pennsylvania can lead the physical AI revolution

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2025/08/how-pennsylvania-can-lead-the-physical-ai-revolution-realclear-pennsylvania.html>

Morning Call: Zaxbys chicken chain to open first Lehigh Valley location in Allentown

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/14/zaxbys-chicken-chain-lehigh-valley-restaurant-allentown/>

WFMZ: Developer seeks to build 67 homes off Route 22 near Monocacy Creek

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/bethlehem-area/developer-seeks-to-build-67-homes-off-route-22-near-monocacy-creek/article_2b1d1417-8f5f-4746-836b-46142ee4461b.html