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Top DEP Stories

PennLive: Oily substance from tank in closed Pa. facility leaks into the Susquehanna River

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/08/oily-substance-from-tank-in-closed-pa-facility-leaks-into-the-susquehanna-river.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Extensive cleanup underway after oily substance leaks into river in Williamsport

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/08/extensive-cleanup-underway-after-oily-substance-leaks-into-river-in-williamsport/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Investigations launched into former Eureka Resources spill

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/investigations-launched-into-former-eureka-resources-spill/article_97aebc28-3ceb-45f1-97aa-18f337c0125c.html

Scoop (Public Herald): Breaking: Eureka Resources Spill Thousands of Gallons of Radioactive Wastewater Into West Branch of Susquehanna River

https://scoop.publicherald.org/p/breaking-eureka-resources-spill-thousands?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=1430350&post_id=171392515&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=d6ml3&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email

Mentions

Yale Climate Connections: Orphan wells leave toxic legacy across Pennsylvania

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2025/08/orphan-wells-leave-toxic-legacy-across-pennsylvania/>

Climate Change

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Thinking about a heat pump? Some things to know about choosing what's best for you

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/08/18/heat-pump-green-energy-climate/stories/202508190006>

Conservation and Recreation

The Mon Valley Independent: Rostraver stream project could lead to new park

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/08/19/rostraver-stream-project-could-lead-to-new-park/>

Daily Courier: Woodruff Park upgrades beginning

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/woodruff-park-upgrades-beginning/article_71445b3f-83ce-4138-8f2d-bb5629ed6fe3.html

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Visitors evacuate Ohiopyle State Park after 'unexpected high wind event' Sunday afternoon

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/08/18/trees-ohiopyle-storm-damage-fayette/stories/202508180049>

Tribune-Review: Storms force closure of popular spots at Ohiopyle State Park

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/storms-force-closure-of-popular-spots-at-ohiopyle-state-park/>

WTAE: Portion of Cucumber Falls, trail closed for 'foreseeable future' after storms roll through Ohiopyle State Park

<https://www.wtae.com/article/multiple-trees-down-roads-blocked-off-after-storms-roll-through-at-ohiopyle-state-park/65801201>

Butler Eagle: Glade Run Lake celebrated through first-time event

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Meadville Tribune: Rarely seen Lake Erie jellyfish: How to see Lake Erie's tiny oddities up close

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/rarely-seen-lake-erie-jellyfish-how-to-see-lake-erie-s-tiny-oddities-up-close/article_aa014d42-cc7c-4a30-987a-65947d40a0db.html

WHYY: 400 trees and 12 new gardens: Nicetown-Tioga residents celebrate neighborhood greening initiatives

<https://whyy.org/articles/nicetown-tioga-neighborhood-greening-initiatives-gardens/>

Data Centers

York Dispatch: Real estate company eyes Windsor Township for possible data center

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/08/18/windsor-township-york-county-red-lion-data-center-zoning-development/85683262007/>

Energy

WBRE: Luzerne County councilman pushes to halt PPL powerline project

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New Castle News: What solar crackdown could mean for Pennsylvania energy bills

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Mining

Republican Herald: Centralia's 'little church on a rock' hosts pilgrimage

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/18/centralias-little-church-on-a-rock-hosts-pilgrimage/>

PFAS

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Could soybeans be the key to fighting fires safely?

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2025/08/18/soy-foam-fire-fighting-cross-plains/stories/202508170089>

Radiation Protection

Patch.com: Potentially Radioactive Shrimp Recalled By Walmart, Warning Issued To Consumers

<https://patch.com/us/across-america/radiation-contamination-prompts-recall-shrimp-sold-walmart>

Vector Management

Tribune-Democrat: West Nile virus on rise in region, officials say

https://www.tribdem.com/news/west-nile-virus-on-rise-in-region-officials-say/article_8d6d9269-ab15-4157-9c7c-fcde1812bbe0.html

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WPXI: Allegheny County identifies first human case of West Nile Virus in 2025

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/first-human-case-west-nile-virus-2025-reported-allegheny-county/CY6SS6YZJRBOVHIDWGVWEXLKA/>

WPXI: West Nile virus detected in mosquitoes collected from Butler County community

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/west-nile-virus-detected-mosquitoes-collected-butler-county-community/J3TUICX3MJAOJIMTSU4F4G5MUY/>

WJAC: How officials are working to mitigate West Nile virus concerns in Vintondale Borough

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/cambria-county-vector-control-discusses-mitigation-tactics-in-vintondale#>

Tribune-Review: Allegheny County Health Department confirms first human West Nile case of year

<https://triblive.com/news/health-now/allegheny-county-health-department-confirms-first-human-west-nile-case-of-year/>

Butler Eagle: West Nile virus detected for second time in county

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250818/west-nile-virus-detected-for-second-time-in-county/>

WJET-TV: West Nile Virus found in Crawford Co., ninth positive sample found in Mercer Co.

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6abc: Rates of West Nile Virus increasing throughout Philadelphia region

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Water

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Morning Call: 70 years after Hurricane Diane, is Lehigh Valley prepared for floods?

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/18/lehigh-valley-flooding-preparation/>

York Daily Record: New policy requires developers to contribute towards expanding Hanover's water supply

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2025/08/18/hanover-water-company-to-require-developers-contribute-to-expanding-water-supply/85677555007/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Lower Allen Township water, wastewater equipment business to move into PNC building

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Miscellaneous

The Mon Valley Independent: Truck gets trapped in Charleroi sinkhole

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/08/19/truck-gets-trapped-in-charleroi-sinkhole/>

WJAC: Ridgway mushroom farm highlighted during Elk Co. Farm Bureau tour; owner plans expansion

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/ridgway-mushroom-farm-highlighted-during-elk-co-farm-bureau-tour-owner-plans-expansion#>

Lehigh Valley News: 'Very unusual': 67 new homes, 1 road access point pitched for land in Bethlehem, neighboring township

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/bethlehem/very-unusual-67-new-homes-1-road-access-point-pitched-for-land-in-bethlehem-neighboring-township>

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/state-budget-impasse-threatens-transit-as-luzerne-county-nears-fiscal-cliff>

WNEP: Nexstar to acquire TEGNA in \$6.2 billion deal, forming nation's largest local media company

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<https://lebtown.com/2025/08/19/union-township-approves-waivers-for-controversial-steel-warehouse-project/>

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<https://whyy.org/episodes/how-noise-affects-our-health/>

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<https://levittownnow.com/2025/08/19/more-people-experiencing-homelessness-in-bucks-county/>