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Top DEP Stories

Erie Times: Officials: Erie Coke environmental cleanup will be long, expensive process

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/08/25/congressman-mike-kelly-pledges-lobbying-erie-coke-cleanup-funding/85759987007/>

Mentions

Inside Climate News: Pennsylvania Lured Shell to the State With a \$1.65 Billion Tax Break. Now the Company Wants to Sell Its Plant

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22082025/shell-wants-to-sell-pennsylvania-ethane-cracker-plant/>

Air

The Allegheny Front: Trump rollbacks keep new clean air rules out of Pittsburgh's Mon Valley

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trump-rollbacks-iron-steel-air-quality-rules/>

Erie Times: Federal charges are dismissed against former Erie Coke supervisor

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/08/25/judge-approves-dismissing-charges-against-erie-coke-supervisor/85776569007/?tbref=hp>

6abc: 5-alarm warehouse fire in Philadelphia's Tacony section under control, fire officials say

<https://6abc.com/post/firefighters-battling-5-alarm-warehouse-fire-philadelphias-tacony-section/17641493/>

Fox29: 5-alarm fire rips through automotive warehouse in Philadelphia

<https://www.fox29.com/news/5-alarm-fire-rips-through-automotive-warehouse-philadelphia>

Philly17: Crews fight 5-alarm warehouse fire in Tacony

<https://phl17.com/phl17-news/crews-fight-5-alarm-warehouse-fire-in-tacony/>

KYW: Heavy response to 5-alarm fire at auto warehouse in Tacony

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/fire-auto-warehouse-tacony-northeast-philadelphia>

Patch.com: 5-Alarm Fire At Philly Junkyard Under Control

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/philadelphia/5-alarm-fire-erupts-philly-junkyard>

Conservation and Recreation

LehighValleyTimes: Pennsylvania celebrates \$720K stream restoration at Jacobsburg environmental center

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/08/pennsylvania-celebrates-720k-stream-restoration-at-jacobsburg-environmental-center.html>

WBRE 28/22: Pittston festival wraps up with Tomato Pageant

<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/pittston-festival-wrapping-up-with-tomato-pageant/>

Republican Herald: Whether viewing from afar or up close, it's time to enjoy state's elk herd

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/23/whether-viewing-from-afar-or-up-close-its-time-to-enjoy-states-elk-herd/>

Wayne County Examiner: New mixes with old at Wyoming County Fair this year

<https://www.wcexaminer.com/2025/08/22/new-mixes-with-old-at-wyoming-county-fair-this-year/>

York Daily Record: York County reaches milestone of 50,000 acres of preserved farmland

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2025/08/25/york-county-farmland-preservation-efforts-reach-milestone/85779455007/>

The Times Herald: Friends of the Wissahickon kicks off 10th annual 'All Trails Challenge'

<https://www.timesherald.com/2025/08/24/friends-of-the-wissahickon-kicks-off-10th-annual-all-trails-challenge/>

Data Centers

Tribune-Review: Though questions remain, local officials back proposed Springdale data center

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/though-questions-remain-local-officials-back-proposed-springdale-data-center/>

MSN.com: Falls' Amazon Data Center Sparks Official Joy and Environmental Concern

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/falls-amazon-data-center-sparks-official-joy-and-environmental-concern/ar-AA1La5Jt?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

Energy

Tribune-Review: Developer seeks approval for proposed solar array in Ligonier Township

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/developer-seeks-approval-for-proposed-solar-array-in-ligonier-township/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: What Peco's new CEO has to say about your electric bill, AI data centers, and coal in Pa.

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/david-vahos-new-peco-ceo-20250825.html>

Mining

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Deadly dust: Missed inspections, enforcement failures imperil the lives of coal miners

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2025/08/24/dust-coal-miners-toxins-silica-pennsylvania/stories/202508240040>

The Allegheny Front: Trump moves to strip union rights of NIOSH workers

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trump-niosh-union-rights-black-lung/>

Vector Management

The Reporter: Montgomery County to conduct mosquito spraying in Whitpain Township

<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2025/08/22/montgomery-county-to-conduct-mosquito-spraying-in-whitpain-township/>

Waste

The Allegheny Front: A smartwatch that runs on slime mold. Could it help prevent e-waste?

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/slime-mold-research-smartwatch-electronic-waste-ewaste/>

Water

Corry Journal: City asks for public's help in conserving water

https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_01ca9838-afe1-4b97-a537-72237bbe4521.html

Chambersburg Public Opinion: Chambersburg to begin fire hydrant flushing August 25

<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2025/08/23/chambersburg-hydrant-flushing-august-2025-water-discoloration-alert/85774924007/>

Huntingdon Daily News: County planners review drilling request

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/county-planners-review-drilling-request/article_fc1ed73d-bfaf-435c-ba90-ff240f9650e1.html

Lancaster Farming: Methods For Removing Algae From Small Ruminant Water Tanks

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/livestock/methods-for-removing-algae-from-small-ruminant-water-tanks/article_440fd72f-3a16-4977-9f10-3b86ba7d77ed.html

Miscellaneous

Latrobe Bulletin: Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority announces provisional approval of nearly \$800 million in BEAD grants that will connect all Pennsylvanians with high-speed internet

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/pennsylvania-broadband-development-authority-announces-provisional-approval-of-nearly-800-million-in-bead-grants-that/article_b99e2356-14ba-4e66-a3e9-f90112233d51.html

FOX56: "Please touch my art:" Local artist depicts Luzerne County for "Bells Across PA"

<https://fox56.com/news/local/please-touch-my-art-local-artist-depicts-luzerne-county-for-bells-across-pa#>

Republican Herald: America250 Orwigsburg will celebrate nation's 250th birthday

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/23/america250-orwigsburg-will-celebrate-nations-250th-birthday/>

WNEP: Families and fans discuss overall experience at Little League World Series

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lycoming-county/families-and-fans-discuss-overall-experience-at-little-league-world-series-south-williamsport-lycoming-county/523-18a815a3-7d81-4e34-8fde-363bc9b4cfb3>

Lancaster Farming: Simple Fixes for Smelly Compost Piles

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/country-life/gardening/simple-fixes-for-smelly-compost-piles/article_0fd1bf33-3cb7-42de-ba2c-933373640c42.html