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Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: DEP Watershed Restoration Staff Recognized With Governor's Award For Excellence

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/08/dep-watershed-restoration-staff.html>

PA Environment Digest: Attorney General Sunday Files More Criminal Charges Against Eureka Resources, This Time For Releasing Oily Oil & Gas Wastewater From Its Williamsport Plant Last August

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/08/pennlive-attorney-general-sunday-files.html>

PennLive: New charges filed against defunct Pa. firm that processed fracking waste from gas wells

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/08/new-charges-filed-against-defunct-pa-firm-that-processed-fracking-waste-from-gas-wells.html>

WBRE: PA AG announces charges filed after 2025 oil spill in Williamsport

<https://www.2822news.com/news/crime-courts/pa-ag-announces-charges-filed-after-oil-spill/>

Mentions

Penn Capital-Star: Environmental group claims DEP is falling behind reporting on underground mining damages in Pa.

<https://penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/environmental-group-claims-dep-is-falling-behind-reporting-on-underground-mining-damages-in-pa/>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Drought Conditions Update: 3 Counties Return To Normal Status; 8 Counties Remain In Drought Warning

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Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Democrat: Section of Ghost Town Trail gets new topcoat to prevent washouts

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Carlisle Sentinel: Upper Allen residents to vote on land preservation referendum in November

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Data Centers

WJPA: Data Center Hearing Set In Hanover Township

<https://wjpa.com/news-archive/data-center-hearing-set-in-hanover-township/>

Pennlive: Data center developer pauses applications for Dauphin County project

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2026/08/data-center-developer-pauses-applications-for-dauphin-county-project.html>

Lancaster Online: Proposed West Hempfield rules would limit any data center on old QVC property

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Lewistown Sentinel: Data center developments at standstill

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/08/data-center-developments-at-standstill/>

FOX43: Cumberland County residents to rally against massive data center campus in their backyards

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/cumberland-county/cumberland-county-middlesex-residents-rally-against-data-center-campus-pax-1/521-b0250483-c0e8-40fd-bf5e-7c639f9fce1f>

WGAL: Dauphin County quarry data center plans paused for resident feedback

<https://www.wgal.com/article/dauphin-county-quarry-data-center-plans-paused-resident-feedback/73350136>

Energy

Record-Argus: Pa. small towns set to get latest wave of federal funding for EV chargers

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Altoona Mirror: Solar arrays granted variances by Altoona Zoning Hearing Board

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/08/altoona-zhb-solar-arrays-variances-granted/>

Philadelphia Business Journal: Delaware firm picks site for \$226M clean hydrogen plant

<https://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2026/08/04/aternium-dover-delaware-kent-clean-hydrogen.html>

Mining

NPR: Black lung rates in Appalachia are high as the 1970s, with thousands of miners sick

<https://www.npr.org/2026/08/05/nx-s1-5894884/appalachia-black-lung-coal-miners-silica-dust>

Vector Management

WPXI: Rabbit fever? What is the tick-borne illness that doctors are finding

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/trending/rabbit-fever-what-is-tick-borne-illness-that-doctors-are-finding/N2D7WLB4IFAPNBHYXUBIFWEH54/>

ABC27: Fetterman, McCormick introduce bill to combat spotted lanternflies

<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/fetterman-mccormick-introduce-bill-to-combat-spotted-lanternflies/>

Waste

Pennlive: Pennsylvanians deserve a recycling system that actually works

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Water

WESA: Pittsburgh Water lead pipe replacement expands to 4 more neighborhoods as project nears end

<https://www.wesanews.org/development-transportation/2026-08-05/water-lead-pipe-replacement-neighborhoods>

Meadville Tribune: Cambridge Springs awards contracts for stormwater management

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cambridge-springs-awards-contracts-for-stormwater-management/article_4be450df-fc48-4894-98d7-4c843effc789.html

Lancaster Farming: How to Use Less Water While Keeping Your Garden Healthy

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WITF: How clean are Pa.'s waterways? A new DEP report breaks down water quality

<https://www.witf.org/2026/08/04/pennsylvania-dep-releases-2026-water-quality-assessment-for-rivers-streams-and-lakes/>

WNEP: Shamokin Dam issues emergency water restrictions amid sediment issues

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/snyder-county/shamokin-dam-issues-emergency-water-restrictions-amid-sediment-issues-snyder-county/523-33737665-b29d-4301-9ca2-8b68f1578ca5?tbref=hp>

Miscellaneous

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