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Top DEP Stories

NBC10: Pennsylvania DEP Secretary talks data centers

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/video/news/tech/pennsylvania-dep-secretary-talks-data-centers/4451995/>

Mentions

Pennlive/Advance Local: Pennsylvania launches free heat pump training for HVAC workers

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Inquirer: Phillies installed artificial turf at FDR Park field without environmental permit, record shows

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/philadelphia-phillies-artificial-turf-ashburn-field-pennsylvania-dep-permit-20260824.html>

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TimesNews: DEP hears pushback to data center

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PA Environment Digest: In Memoriam: Franklin L. Kury, Author Of The Environmental Rights Amendment To The Pennsylvania Constitution

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/08/in-memoriam-franklin-l-kury-author-of.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Pa. DEP offers residents education: Proposed changes at Washingtonville power plant draw citizens' concerns

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/08/24/1/pa-dep-offers-residents-education>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Invites Comments On Chapter 105 Permit For Expand Operating LLC Double, 16-Inch Shale Gas Water Pipelines In Fox Twp., Sullivan County

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Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: Bat calls rising in Allegheny County as summer brings increased activity
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/allegheny-county-bat-calls-summer/>

TribLive: The Great Allegheny Passage to remain closed indefinitely near Kennywood Park
<https://triblive.com/local/the-great-allegheny-passage-will-remain-closed-indefinitely-near-kennywood-park/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 90% of Pa. state park cabins are booked for Labor Day weekend, but there are some tricks to landing a reservation
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/08/22/pennsylvania-state-park-labor-day/stories/202608200069>

Bradford Era: Pa. Game, Fish & Boat commissions seek input on wildlife plan
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/08/21/pa-game-fish-boat-commissions-seek-input-wildlife-plan/>

Bradford Era: Public comment opens on proposed Roadless Rule repeal
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/08/20/public-comment-opens-proposed-roadless-rule-repeal/>

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<https://www.yourerie.com/digital-first/digital-exclusive/pa-game-commission-seeks-public-feedback-on-conservation-efforts/>

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Allegheny Front: How tiny Archbald Borough is handling a data center rush
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/archbald-borough-data-center-opposition/>

AXIOS: Independent bets on data center issue in Senate race
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ABC27: Developers appeal Mifflin County data center rejection

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Philly Burbs: Why is Wawa self-branding EV chargers? Find them in PA

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Vector Management

WESA: Pittsburgh's mosquito season is stretching on longer, allowing for more disease transmission
<https://www.wesanews.org/health-science-tech/2026-08-24/pittsburgh-mosquito-season-longer-disease-transmission>

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<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2026/08/24/franklin-county-mosquito-spraying-west-nile-virus-greene-guilford-southampton-aug-25/91408038007/>

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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/article316952505.html>

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WJAC: Weekend storms cause flash flooding, damage across the region

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/weekend-storms-cause-flash-flooding-damage-in-our-region>

Inquirer: Weakfish once crowded New Jersey waters. No one can agree on why that stopped.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/new-jersey/weakfish-tide-runner-decline-new-jersey-20260821.html>

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