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## **Top DEP Stories**

Times Observer: Cost Of Clean Fuel Vehicles More Than Grants State Is Offering (opinion)

<https://www.timesobserver.com/opinion/our-opinion/2024/12/our-opinion-proceed-with-caution-on-vehicles/>

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Tribune-Review: Plum School District awarded \$300K from state DEP toward electric school buses

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/plum-school-district-awarded-300k-from-state-dep-toward-electric-school-buses/>

Central Penn Business Shapiro Administration funding clean energy project in central Pa.

<https://www.cpbj.com/shapiro-administration-funding-clean-energy-project-in-central-pa/>

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The Derrick: Aqua cites existing problems at water companies

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dhAhJ9WFP1lqyxUS88N3jY7gjEg6ev9b/view>

Pa Environment Digest Blog: What The Shale Gas Industry Is Leaving Behind: DEP: Nucomer Energy LLC Fails To Restore Shale Gas Well Pad, Water Impoundment In Forest County For More Than 12 Years After Drilling Was Completed

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<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/12/14/more-homeowners-sought-for-nbv-mine-subsidence-work/>

WVIA: Former Rocky Glenn Amusement Park land up for sale

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2024-12-13/former-rocky-glen-park-amusement-park-land-up-for-sale>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/121624/page/3/story/sewer-rates-to-rise-in-25>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Invites Comments On 2 PA General Energy Company Pipeline Projects Impacting Exceptional Value, High Quality Streams In Lycoming County To Support Shale Gas Development

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/12/dep-invites-comments-on-2-pa-general.html>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Forms Internal Work Group To Develop Position On Road Dumping Conventional Oil & Gas Wastewater; Shapiro Administration Supports Legislative Ban On Road Dumping

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PA Environment Digest: Susquehanna River Basin Commission Approves New Fee Schedule, Water Withdrawals, Including 4 Shale Gas Withdrawals, Contribution To Abandoned Mine Drainage Remediation Project

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## **Air**

NEXTpittsburgh: Is Pittsburgh's air really that bad?

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/current-features/is-pittsburghs-air-really-that-bad/>

## **Climate Change**

WHYY: Flying this holiday season? Here's what to know about the climate impact

<https://whyy.org/articles/holiday-season-travel-climate-impact/>

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Bradford Era: ANF North Country Trail Association shares activities update

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/anf-north-country-trail-association-shares-activities-update/article\\_602a465c-b987-11ef-8a03-47b27f7d78f6.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/anf-north-country-trail-association-shares-activities-update/article_602a465c-b987-11ef-8a03-47b27f7d78f6.html)

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Sunbury Daily Item: Feds propose protection for giant salamanders devastated by hurricane

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PennLive: Eastern hellbender, Pa.'s official amphibian, proposed as endangered species

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pilot program looking for 100 low-income, solar curious households

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WESA: How to save energy and make your home more comfortable this winter

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-12-16/save-energy-winter-home-heating-efficiency>

The Allegheny Front: What will it take for the American steel industry to go 'fossil-free'?

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/green-steel-industry-hydrogen-renewable-energy-sweden/>

Pennlive: Rates going up for PECO electric and gas customers in 2025

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/12/13/rates-going-up-for-peco-electric-and-gas-customers-in-2025/>

Altoona Mirror: Company seeks to construct Logan Township solar farm

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/12/company-seeks-to-construct-logan-township-solar-farm/>

Del Val Journal: Point: Time to Get Real About Limits of Renewables

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/point-time-to-get-real-about-limits-of-renewables/>

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WTAE: Gas odor, sound prompts evacuation of several homes in Baden

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