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## **Top DEP Stories**

Gant News: \$19.6 million allocated for mine reclamation in PA

<https://gantnews.com/2024/12/18/19-6-million-allocated-for-mine-reclamation-in-pennsylvania-2/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Tioga County organization gets grant for abandoned mine maintenance

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/tioga-county-organization-gets-grant-for-abandoned-mine-maintenance/article\\_625f7874-bd02-11ef-9ceb-57ed5b2f05ae.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/tioga-county-organization-gets-grant-for-abandoned-mine-maintenance/article_625f7874-bd02-11ef-9ceb-57ed5b2f05ae.html)

## **Mentions**

Sunbury Daily Item: Potential cuts to funding mine cleanup (LTE)

[https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/potential-cuts-to-funding-mine-cleanup/article\\_b96246fa-bd30-11ef-8b2d-574af0921833.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/potential-cuts-to-funding-mine-cleanup/article_b96246fa-bd30-11ef-8b2d-574af0921833.html)

## **Westmoreland County Sinkhole**

KDKA Radio: Lost cat that prompted sinkhole accident spotted

<https://www.audacy.com/kdkaradio/news/local/lost-cat-that-prompted-sinkhole-accident-spotted>

## **East Palestine Train Derailment**

Union Progress: From brain fog to nosebleeds: There's a name for what's happening to people affected by derailment

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/12/19/from-brain-fog-to-nosebleeds-theres-a-name-for-whats-happening-to-people-affected-by-derailment/>

## **Climate Change**

WJAC: SBA approves additional disaster aid for counties impacted by Tropical Storm Debby

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/sba-approves-additional-disaster-aid-for-counties-impacted-by-tropical-storm-debby#>

Beaver County Radio: Clean Trucks Pennsylvania Coalition planning to use vehicles with no emission on one Pennsylvania interstate

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/clean-trucks-pennsylvania-coalition-planning-to-use-vehicles-with-no-emission-on-one-pennsylvania-interstate/>

Observer-Reporter: OP-ED: How to move forward: Western Pennsylvania through the lens of sustainable development

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/opinion/op-eds/2024/dec/19/op-ed-how-to-move-forward-western-pennsylvania-through-the-lens-of-sustainable-development/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

DuBois Courier-Express: DCNR hosting First Day hikes at state parks across region

[https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/dcnr-hosting-first-day-hikes-at-state-parks-across-region/article\\_bc377630-bd5c-11ef-8ddd-930d899b572b.html](https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/dcnr-hosting-first-day-hikes-at-state-parks-across-region/article_bc377630-bd5c-11ef-8ddd-930d899b572b.html)

## **Energy**

Tribune-Democrat: Upper Yoder Township finalizes budget, solar ordinance

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/upper-yoder-township-finalizes-budget-solar-ordinance/article\\_37e81ca8-be70-11ef-af1a-dbfdd1571e72.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/upper-yoder-township-finalizes-budget-solar-ordinance/article_37e81ca8-be70-11ef-af1a-dbfdd1571e72.html)

WHYY: PECO moves transformer flooded during Ida to prepare for more extreme weather

<https://whyy.org/articles/peco-moves-transformer-flooded-hurricane-ida-extreme-weather/>

WITF/StateImpact: Schools can apply for state aid to install solar energy, save money

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/12/19/schools-can-apply-for-state-aid-to-install-solar-energy-save-money/>

Lancaster Online: Pa. schools can apply for state aid to install solar energy, save money

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/pa-schools-can-apply-for-state-aid-to-install-solar-energy-save-money/article\\_7590e10a-be31-11ef-9b6b-a3274b7b9ede.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/pa-schools-can-apply-for-state-aid-to-install-solar-energy-save-money/article_7590e10a-be31-11ef-9b6b-a3274b7b9ede.html)

abc27: Penelec to receive \$500 million as part of infrastructure improvement plan

<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/penelec-to-recvie-500-million-as-part-of-infrastructure-improvement-plan/>

FOX43: Coalition files petition for rehearing on controversial York County hydroelectric dam project

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/york-county/coalition-files-petition-rehearing-cuffs-run-hydroelectric-dam-project-preliminary-approval/521-018b5485-a723-4ec3-94c5-cdad3129b1eb>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Shapiro Administration investing \$4.6 million to help PMF Industries expand into the clean hydrogen market

<https://www.sungazette.com/uncategorized/2024/12/shapiro-administration-investing-4-6-million-to-help-pmf-industries-expand-into-the-clean-hydrogen-market/>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

WHYY: Group says New Jersey toxic waste dumping caused \$1B in harm, calls settlement inadequate

<https://whyy.org/articles/new-jersey-toxic-waste-dumping-settlement/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Bradford Era: Pa. lawmakers talk of requiring gas detectors in buildings after explosion that killed 7  
[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/pa-lawmakers-talk-of-requiring-gas-detectors-in-buildings-after-explosion-that-killed-7/article\\_2fab64b8-be30-11ef-b356-9b1fa20ebecca.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/pa-lawmakers-talk-of-requiring-gas-detectors-in-buildings-after-explosion-that-killed-7/article_2fab64b8-be30-11ef-b356-9b1fa20ebecca.html)

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Northern Oil & Gas to invest in Appalachian natural gas drilling  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/12/13/northern-oil-gas-appalachian.html>

Tribune-Review: Additional hearing required for proposed injection well in Plum  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/additional-hearing-required-for-proposed-injection-well-in-plum/>

## **Vector Management**

El Sol Media: Health authorities confirm first severe case of bird flu in the U.S.  
<https://elsolnewsmedia.com/autoridades-sanitarias-gripe-aviar/>

## **Waste**

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Ecotone Renewables raises \$3M seed round to turn food waste into fertilizer  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/inno/stories/fundings/2024/12/17/ecotone-renewables-closed-3m-seed-round.html>

## **Water**

LehighvalleyNews: “We all live here too.” Easton residents speak out against 1-million square-foot warehouse  
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/easton/we-all-live-here-too-easton-residents-speak-out-against-1-million-square-foot-warehouse>

WPXI: East Busway completely reopens after landslide in Polish Hill  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/east-busway-completely-reopens-after-landslide-polish-hill/QUJG6F2EPJBC3PUFKR2VFBN5TY/>

Union Progress: East Busway lane closed by landslide to reopen Thursday afternoon  
<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/12/19/east-busway-lane-closed-by-landslide-to-reopen-thursday-afternoon/>

Altoona Mirror: AWA raises rates nearly 10 percent  
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/12/awa-raises-rates-nearly-10-percent/>

## Miscellaneous

Bradford Era: Forest Service accepting public comments

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/forest-service-accepting-public-comments/article\\_48555116-be4b-11ef-87c5-d7af4d192f6d.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/forest-service-accepting-public-comments/article_48555116-be4b-11ef-87c5-d7af4d192f6d.html)

Times Observer: Two ANF properties on list for decommission

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/12/two-anf-properties-on-list-for-decommission/>

WTAE: 'Not the first time this has happened': Truck becomes stuck in sinkhole in Pittsburgh

<https://www.wtae.com/article/not-the-first-time-this-has-happened-truck-becomes-stuck-in-sinkhole-in-pittsburgh/63245014>

WPXI: Sinkhole partially swallows box truck in Pittsburgh's Garfield neighborhood

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/sinkhole-partially-swallows-box-truck-pittsburghs-garfield-neighborhood/3R6TKU3JZZENJOEPTJQSJ6ZPAE/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Station Square facing possible foreclosure action

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2024/12/19/station-square-south-side-wilmington-foreclosure-monongahela-river-brookfield/stories/202412190123>

Pittsburgh Business Journal: PBT Editorial: Stop the politics, get the U.S. Steel deal done

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/12/19/us-steel-nippon-editorial-get-the-deal-done.html>

KDKA: Pennsylvania Turnpike exchange planned for Penn Township

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-turnpike-exchange-westmoreland-county-penn-township/>

KDKA: Tractor-trailer slams into toll booth on Beaver Valley Expressway

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/tractor-trailer-slams-into-toll-booth-on-beaver-valley-expressway/>

WPXI: Tractor-trailer slams into tollbooth on I-376 in Beaver County

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/tractor-trailer-slams-into-tollbooth-i-376-beaver-county/5JPTA7EU7JATTNZIAUB45Y3QR4/>

Tribune-Review: 'We're ready to go': Springdale's Colfax School ready for demolition

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/were-ready-to-go-springdales-colfax-school-ready-for-demolition/>

WHYY: Scientists know our bodies are full of microplastics. What are they doing to us?

<https://whyy.org/articles/peco-moves-transformer-flooded-hurricane-ida-extreme-weather/>

Central Penn Business Journal: CBF relocates Pa. office to Harrisburg

<https://www.cpbj.com/cbf-relocates-pa-office-to-harrisburg/>