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Top DEP Stories

Marcellus Drilling News: PA DEP (Finally) Gets It Right with New Permit Tracking Website

<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2025/01/pa-dep-finally-gets-it-right-with-new-permit-tracking-website/>

Mentions

CBS News: Radon testing urged for all Pennsylvania homes this January, DEP says

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/radon-testing-in-pennsylvania/>

Wellsboro Gazette: Lawrenceville approves connection for uninterrupted service for water plant

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/lawrenceville-approves-connection-for-uninterrupted-service-for-water-plant/article_0af93c0c-d14b-11ef-b90f-cbf2ba445e86.html

Avian Influenza

Erie Times: As reports of dying snow geese increase, Pa. Game Commission 'depopulates' some birds

<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/01/16/pa-game-commission-depopulates-snow-geese-with-avian-influenza-northampton-and-lehigh-counties/77756611007/>

York Daily Record: As reports of dying snow geese increase, Pa. Game Commission 'depopulates' some birds

<https://www.ydr.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/01/16/pa-game-commission-depopulates-snow-geese-with-avian-influenza-northampton-and-lehigh-counties/77756611007/>

CBS21: Game Commission sends cease-and-desist to Pocono Wildlife Center

<https://local21news.com/news/local/game-commission-sends-cess-and-desist-to-pocono-wildlife-center#>

Air

Latrobe Bulletin: What's that smell?

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/what-s-that-smell/article_90029be4-d463-11ef-9539-bbc35433cc11.html

Conservation and Recreation

Kane Republican: MJ2KB Trail Club seeks Act 13 Greenways Grant for trail signage and map
https://www.kanerepublican.com/news/mj2kb-trail-club-seeks-act-13-greenways-grant-for-trail-signage-and-map/article_941f7d10-d372-11ef-966f-1f1a7194bab1.html

Pennlive: Here's what a cut to the farmland-preservation budget will mean in Cumberland County
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/01/cumberland-county-commissioners-cut-back-on-preserving-farmland.html>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: For this fly-fishing author, everything in life is tied together
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/01/17/tim-cammisa-fly-fishing-book-tying-euro-nymphs/stories/202501160020>

Tribune-Review: Westmoreland commissioners approve \$1.7M tourism plan
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/westmoreland-commissioners-approve-1-7m-tourism-plan/>

Tribune-Review: Casino revenues boost long-delayed projects in Alle-Kiski Valley communities
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/casino-revenues-boost-long-delayed-projects-in-alle-kiski-valley-communities/>

Philly Burbs: As reports of dying snow geese increase, Pa. Game Commission 'depopulates' some birds
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/01/16/pa-game-commission-depopulates-snow-geese-with-avian-influenza-northampton-and-lehigh-counties/77756611007/>

WHYY: A harbinger of warmer days, Philly Flower Show unveils 'Gardens of Tomorrow' theme
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-flower-show-2025-gardens-of-tomorrow/>

PA Environment Digest: Penn State Extension: 4 Ag Water Series Webinars On County Clean Water Plans; Watersheds & Mapping; Mitigate Flooding & Drought; Tile Drainage Starting March 3
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/01/penn-state-extension-4-ag-water-series.html>

Energy

Lancaster Online: Lancaster city gets \$3.1M grant for electric vehicle chargers in low-income areas
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-city-gets-3-1m-grant-for-electric-vehicle-chargers-in-low-income-areas/article_8af87368-d453-11ef-9532-b3859b75be36.html

EHN: Closing coal plants in environmental justice communities first would save more lives: Study
<https://www.ehn.org/closing-coal-plants-pennsylvania-2670868025.html>

WHYY: South Jersey congressman working with Trump to halt offshore wind
<https://whyy.org/articles/new-jersey-congressman-donald-trump-halt-offshore-wind/>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Editorial: Oil and gas companies need greater incentives to cap their old wells
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/01/17/oil-gas-well-cap-diversified-eqt-bond/stories/202501170019>

Radiation Protection

CBS News: Radon testing urged for all Pennsylvania homes this January, DEP says
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/radon-testing-in-pennsylvania/>

Vector Management

KDKA: Pittsburgh-area businesses are affected by surge in bird flu cases
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/local-businesses-are-affected-by-surge-in-avian-flu-cases/>

WBRE: PA Game Commission regulates wildlife shelter amid avian flu
<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/pa-game-commission-regulates-wildlife-shelter-amid-avian-flu/e>

Water

Huntingdon Daily News: Saxton Borough water rates to increase
https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/saxton-borough-water-rates-to-increase/article_bce3acbc-d34a-11ef-8276-47b8cbeef043.html

WESA: Why ice forms differently on Pittsburgh's Monongahela and Allegheny rivers
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2019-01-31/ice-monongahela-allegheny-ohio-river-freezing>

WPXI: Local plumbing company offers tips to avoid frozen, burst pipes as temperatures drop
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/local-plumbing-company-offers-tips-avoid-frozen-burst-pipes-temperatures-drop/JAERPYZNOFDKFEH2MLTE6EILPY/>

Bay Journal: Could treating acid mine drainage be causing problems downstream by releasing more phosphorus?
https://www.bayjournal.com/news/pollution/could-treating-acid-mine-drainage-be-causing-problems-downstream/article_ae6d5f8a-d448-11ef-a3b3-c7dc998a2fed.html

Miscellaneous

Erie Times: Another try: Erie's Port Authority seeks to revive dormant water taxi service
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/01/14/erie-water-taxi-service-might-return-this-summer/77673412007/>

WESA: Allegheny County's new Board of Health vows to challenge the status quo at its first meeting

<https://www.wesa.fm/health-science-tech/2025-01-16/alleghey-countys-board-of-health-challenge-status-quo>

Tribune-Review: Work underway for development of former Monsour Medical Center site in Jeannette
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/work-underway-for-development-of-former-monsour-medical-center-site-in-jeannette/>