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## Top DEP Stories

My ChesCo: Shapiro Celebrates Record Improvements in Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay Health  
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/shapiro-celebrates-record-improvements-in-susquehanna-river-and-chesapeake-bay-health/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/071124/page/5/story/millville-handles-issue-with-water>

## **Air**

My ChesCo: Champion of Clean Air: Lancaster's Kevin Stewart Honored by American Lung Association  
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/regional/champion-of-clean-air-lancasters-kevin-stewart-honored-by-american-lung-association/>

Central Penn Business Journal: Casey secures \$89M for Harley Davidson's zero emissions motorcycles  
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Time: The Critical Role Trees Play During Heat Waves  
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Philly Voice: Seniors protest Wells Fargo's investment in fossil fuels outside Center City branch  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/climate-change-protest-summer-of-heat-wells-fargo-banks/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2024/07/10/pittsburgh-heinz-endowments/stories/202407100102>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2024/07/11/lead-poisoning-bald-eagle-impact/stories/202407090071>

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/johnetta-campground-in-gilpin-part-of-2-million-400-acre-sale/>

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WTAE: 6 people checked for radiation exposure after Hazmat team called to West Mifflin auto lot  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/west-mifflin-radiation-hazmat/61562855>

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## **Water**

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