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Top DEP Stories

Warren Times: DEP Sprays For Black Flies Along Conewango Creek

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/06/departments-of-environmental-protection-sprays-for-black-flies/>

Mentions

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/laceyville-remains-under-water-boil-advisory/>

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<https://delawarecurrents.org/2025/06/25/chemicals-trouble-delaware-river-tributaries/>

Pottstown Mercury: GreenAllies wins state environmental award

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/06/24/greenallies-wins-environmental-award/>

Air

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT achieves net zero emissions according to new ESG report

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/06/24/eqt-net-zero-emissions-esg-report.html>

Tribune-Review: Environmental groups demand Nippon Steel work to cut emissions after buying U.S. Steel

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/environmental-groups-demand-nippon-steel-work-to-cut-emissions-after-buying-u-s-steel/>

Patch.com: Another Day Of Potentially Dangerous Air In Philadelphia Region

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/philadelphia/another-day-potentially-dangerous-air-philadelphia-region>

Philly Burbs: Air quality alert issued for Bucks County

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/weather/2025/06/24/bucks-county-air-quality-alert/84330553007/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/06/24/pittsburgh-extreme-heat-wave/stories/202506240079>

FOX 56: Heat wave hits NEPA: Scranton splash pad provides relief
<https://fox56.com/news/local/heat-wave-hits-nepa-scranton-splash-pad-provides-relief>

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<https://6abc.com/post/how-septas-hot-weather-protocols-preserve-system-infrastructure/16843989/>

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Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Weeders and Seeders to rededicate Valley Veterans Park
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WESA: As heat wave lingers over Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, people flock to pools, cooling centers
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Tribune-Review: Pickleball popularity presents sustainability problems with plastic balls
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Drought

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WPXI: Amid extreme heat, Duquesne Light is also preparing for storms that could lead to power outages
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https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_f62f62fd-88fb-4b40-bae4-dca7c15891e5.html

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WTaj: Pennsylvania American Water gives tips to conserve water this summer

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<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1704206/construction-completed-on-4m-water-storage-tank-in-jenkins-twp>

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