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Top DEP Stories

WJAC: Residents speak out about proposed rock quarry expansion in Somerset County
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/residents-speak-out-about-proposed-rock-quarry-expansion-in-somerset-county#>

Mentions

WESA: Boots and drones deployed in hunt for orphan gas wells in Southwest Pa.
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-06-27/orphan-gas-wells-allegheny-washington-counties>

WHYY: A Pennsylvania fracking report had 8 recommendations. 5 years later, few have been implemented
<https://whyy.org/articles/fracking-pennsylvania-recommendations-implementation/>

Chester County.com: Kennett Borough forming focus group to address remediation efforts at NVF site
<https://www.chestercounty.com/2025/06/25/536789/kennett-borough-forming-focus-group-to-address-remediation-efforts-at-nvf-site>

Philly 17: Senate confirms Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection secretary
<https://phl17.com/pennsylvania-news/senate-confirms-pennsylvania-dept-of-environmental-protection-secretary/>

Air

WJET-TV: Feds move to dismiss charges against former Erie Coke supervisor
<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/feds-move-to-dismiss-charges-against-former-erie-coke-supervisor/>

Climate Change

Meadville Tribune: How carbon capture works and the debate about whether it's a future climate solution
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/how-carbon-capture-works-and-the-debate-about-whether-its-a-future-climate-solution/article_6c67d9a2-b4de-5bef-b601-711cf8306dce.html

WHYY: How Philly communities and city government are tackling climate-driven flooding
<https://whyy.org/articles/climate-change-flooding-philadelphia/>

Carbon County News: Warm water temperatures and low river flows prompt fishing closures on select rivers in YNP

https://www.carboncountynews.com/news/warm-water-temperatures-and-low-river-flows-prompt-fishing-closures-on-select-rivers-in-ynp/article_a90a2931-8bce-4561-9997-35e7a6888dbd.html

Conservation and Recreation

Daily American: Tents, RVs, rental cabins and more: Where the camping spots are in Somerset County

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/environment/2025/06/12/somerset-county-pa-campgrounds-offer-options-for-all-comfort-levels/84120094007/>

The Mon Valley Independent: New playground officially open in West Mifflin

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/06/27/new-playground-officially-open-in-west-mifflin/>

WJAC: Blair Co. addresses confusion over ownership of Lakemont Park; future of park uncertain

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/blair-co-addresses-confusion-over-ownership-of-lakemont-park-future-of-park-uncertain#>

My Chesco.com: 13,750 Trees and Shrubs: Chester Water Authority Strengthens Environmental Legacy

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/13750-trees-and-shrubs-chester-water-authority-strengthens-environmental-legacy/>

Morning Call: Developer Nat Hyman threatens new lawsuit against Allentown over Jordan Creek homeless encampment, citing environmental concerns

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/06/27/developer-nat-hyman-threatens-new-lawsuit-against-allentown-over-jordan-creek-homeless-encampment-citing-environmental-concerns/>

Pocono Record: If you see a turkey, report a turkey. Pa.'s public turkey survey begins July 1

<https://www.poconorecord.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/06/27/the-public-should-report-turkey-sightings-to-the-pa-game-commission-annual-public-survey-july-1/84368503007/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Shamokin students get advanced environmental education

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NorthcentralPA.com: Adventure awaits: New kids' book sparks Susquehanna exploration

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KDKA: West Penn Power to cut electricity in Jefferson Hills for necessary repairs
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/planned-power-outage-jefferson-hills-west-penn-power/>

WTAE: 600 West Penn customers to be without power up to 8 hours during planned outage Friday
<https://www.wtae.com/article/west-penn-power-outage-pennsylvania/65212139>

WPXI: Part of Grove Road closed in Whitehall as crews repair power lines, telephone poles
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/part-grove-road-closed-whitehall-crews-repair-power-lines-telephone-poles/NVWHEDZMKJAVHP5MKW2AZD67QU/>

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<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/06/altoona-water-authority-seeking-new-hvac-system/>

ABC27: PennDOT announces opening of six new EV charging stations
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The Philadelphia Inquirer: Amazon data centers are not an investment in us
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/amazon-data-centers-pennsylvania-jobs-20250627.html>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Three Mile Island set to deliver nuclear power a year early
<https://www.inquirer.com/business/three-mile-island-tmi-nuclear-plant-microsoft-early-restart-20250627.html>

Philly Voice: Three Mile Island to be restarted earlier than expected for Microsoft data centers
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/three-mile-island-restart-2027-microsoft-data-centers/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: The 10 storms that caused the most Peco outages in the Philly region
<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/power-outages-peco-most-history-20250626.html?variant=2>

NorthcentralPA.com: PPL offers safety, energy-saving tips for heat waves
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Vector Management

CBS3: Philadelphia could see resurgence of spotted lanternflies this year, entomologist says
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/spotted-lanternfly-philadelphia-resurgence/>

Delco Today: Get Your Stomping Shoes On: Spotted Lanternfly Season Is Here
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Waste

Lancaster Online: Mountville Borough, West Hempfield Township ponder sharing trash contract starting in 2027

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Water

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6abc: Flat Rock Dam project reconnects Manayunk Canal, Schuylkill River for the first time in 75 years

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WHYY: Philadelphia Water Department celebrates improved waterways in Manayunk

<https://whyy.org/articles/manayunk-canal-flat-rock-dam-waterway/>

Delaware Currents: Deadline looms for new rules to improve Delaware River water quality. Will the EPA follow through?

<https://delawarecurrents.org/2025/06/27/epa-delaware-river-rules/>

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<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/massive-hole-opens-up-on-horton-street-in-wilkes-barre-luzerne-county/523-6526825f-00fe-440d-a681-f023f13ea351>

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NBC10: Philly School District charged with failing to report asbestos in timely manner
<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/philadelphia-school-district-charges-asbestos-report-inspection-doj-u-s-attorney/4220397/>

NBC10: Philly named (yet again) America's most walkable city by USA Today
<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/usa-today-philadelphia-most-walkable-city-2025/4219772/>

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<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/06/26/officials-break-ground-on-8m-ambulance-headquarters-in-pittston/>

Morning Call: Candy company picks Lehigh Valley for manufacturing, will invest nearly \$20 million for new headquarters
<https://www.mcall.com/2025/06/26/candy-company-kervan-lehigh-valley-headquarters/>