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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Review: Environmental cleanup underway after 100 gallons of fuel leaked into O'Hara stream
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/environmental-cleanup-underway-after-100-gallons-of-fuel-leaked-into-ohara-stream/>

Mentions

PA Environment Digest: DEP Chesapeake Bay Program Healthy Waters Update Highlights Many Partner Accomplishments; Critical Federal Support For Bay Cleanup; 2,100 More Best Management Practices Installed Than In Previous Year
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/03/dep-chesapeake-bay-program-healthy.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Lebtown.com: 101-year-old landowner among families protecting farms in Kittatinny Ridge area
<https://lebtown.com/2025/03/19/101-year-old-landowner-among-families-protecting-farms-in-kittatinny-ridge-area/>

WESA: Raystown Lake cancels campground reservations amid federal job cuts and hiring freezes
<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2025-03-19/raystown-lake-cancels-campground-reservations-amid-federal-job-cuts-and-hiring-freezes>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: US bird populations are continuing an alarming decline
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/03/us-bird-populations-are-continuing-an-alarming-decline/>

Drought

York Daily Record: Drought conditions persist in York County. Here's what it will take to alleviate it
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2025/03/19/drought-conditions-persist-in-york-county-pa-wet-spring-needed/82518997007/>

Energy

Lancaster Online: Three Mile Island owner will hold virtual public meeting to discuss environmental impact

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/three-mile-island-owner-will-hold-virtual-public-meeting-to-discuss-environmental-impact/article_5ee19dc0-0411-11f0-963c-ef1b872cdec2.html

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<https://www.witf.org/2025/03/18/three-mile-island-owner-will-hold-virtual-public-meting-to-discuss-environmental-impact/>

York Dispatch: Groups take case to U.S. appeals court in effort to stop proposed Cuffs Run hydroelectric dam
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/03/18/opposition-groups-continue-push-against-dam-on-cuffs-run/82515125007/>

Allegheny Front: Pennsylvania takes first step to access low-income solar funds
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-access-low-income-solar-for-all-funds/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Pennsylvania A.G. launches criminal investigation into Sunoco pipeline spill
https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/sunoco-pipeline-spill-bucks-county-20250317.html?cx_testId=12&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=1&cx_experienceId=EXTE1CRHS6Q4&cx_experienceActionId=automated_most_read_hp#cxrecs_s

CBS3: Sunoco drills recovery wells after residents claim jet fuel leak contaminated well water
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/video/sunoco-drills-recovery-wells-after-residents-claim-jet-fuel-leak-contaminated-well-water/>

Audacy.com: Crews working to extract groundwater contaminated by pipeline leak in Bucks County neighborhood
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnnewsradio/news/local/recovery-wells-groundwater-bucks-county-pipeline-leak>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: PGW explores heating, cooling a Philly school and city rec center with geothermal energy
https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/pgw-philadelphia-schools-geothermal-system-20250317.html?cx_testId=12&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=1&cx_experienceId=EXTE1CRHS6Q4&cx_experienceActionId=automated_most_read_hp#cxrecs_s

WHYY.com: PGW could explore clean energy with geothermal pilot project at Philly's McCloskey Elementary School
<https://whyy.org/articles/pgw-geothermal-project-philadelphia-mccloskey-elementary-school/>

CBS3: Philadelphia power outage causes issues at 30th Street Station, shuts off traffic lights
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-power-outage-today-center-city-market-street/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: 'Increasingly helpful': Williamsport Bureau of Police adds two electric bicycles to efforts
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/03/increasingly-helpful-williamsport-bureau-of-police-adds-two-electric-bicycles-to-efforts/>

Bloomberg: Trump vows to authorize coal-fired power to rival China

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-03-17/trump-says-he-s-authorizing-administration-to-produce-coal-power?embedded-checkout=true>

Mining

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Corsa Coal's bankruptcy asks: What's worth more — coal or the machines that mine it?

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/03/19/corsa-bankruptcy-rosebud-mining-lct-energy-steel-china/stories/202503190030>

Oil and Gas

LehighValleyLive: Pennsylvania Game Commission reports 72% drop in gas and oil royalties

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/03/pennsylvania-game-commission-reports-72-drop-in-gas-and-oil-royalties.html>

Beaver County Radio: Shell Polymers Monaca will undergo emergency response drill to be prepared and to keep the community safe

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/shell-polymers-monaca-will-undergo-emergency-response-drill-to-be-prepared-and-to-keep-the-community-safe/>

Waste

Lancaster Farming: Pennsylvania Food Waste Spreading Bill To Be Amended

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/field-crops/pennsylvania-food-waste-spreading-bill-to-be-amended/article_bb5c0eb2-040e-11f0-ab3b-f73913168d90.html

WTAE: Police increase enforcement after 'great deal' of garbage creates safety hazard in Findlay Township

<https://www.wtae.com/article/allegHENY-county-police-increase-enforcement-garbage-hazard-findlay-township/64224039>

Bucks County Herald: Lower Makefield to discuss how to get trash collected with fewer trucks

<https://www.buckscountyherald.com/>

Water

Lancaster Online: Connecting campground to sewer authority does not align with Brecknock's growth plan, official says

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/connecting-campground-to-sewer-authority-does-not-align-with-brecknocks-growth-plan-official-says/article_6958a3fc-041b-11f0-9a15-970bf53dcdff.html

WHYY.com: Chester receiver demands stormwater authority stop paying board salaries

<https://why.org/articles/chester-receiver-stormwater-authority-board-salaries-unauthorized/>

Patch.com: Mandatory Water Usage Restrictions Continue In Doylestown

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/doylestown/mandatory-water-usage-restrictions-continue-doylestown>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Sewer authority loses majority of its members

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/031925/page/1/story/sewer-authority-loses-majority-of-its-members>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Former PFBC executive director Arway speaks at Trout Unlimited meeting

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/03/former-pfbc-executive-director-arway-speaks-at-trout-unlimited-meeting/>

Miscellaneous

Lewistown Sentinel: Members discuss projects, changes

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2025/03/members-discuss-projects-changes/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh region under elevated risk for wildfires amid possible record temps, dry air and strong winds

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/03/19/pittsburgh-red-flag-fire-risk/stories/202503190035>

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Duquesne Light announces leadership changes in key positions

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/03/18/duquesne-light-legal-counsel-changes.html>

KDKA: Washington County fire chiefs asking people to avoid burning amid increased fire risk

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/washington-county-fire-chiefs-burning-fire-risk/>

WTAE: Washington County residents urged to refrain from burning; NWS issues Elevated Fire Weather Threat

<https://www.wtae.com/article/washington-county-refrain-burning-elevated-fire-weather-threat/64225514>

NEXTpittsburgh: Prototype PGH's new job training program creates pathway to growing manufacturing sector

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/business-tech-news/prototype-pghs-new-job-training-program-creates-pathway-to-growing-manufacturing-sector/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: More than 425 popular campsites across Pa. are closed indefinitely due to DOGE cuts

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-campgrounds-doge-federal-cuts-20250319.html#loaded>

ABC 27: Fired workers return to federal agencies — but are put on paid leave

<https://www.abc27.com/news/fired-workers-return-to-federal-agencies-but-are-put-on-paid-leave/>

New York Times: Trump Administration aims to eliminate EPA's scientific research arm

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/17/climate/trump-eliminates-epa-science.html>

WTaj: Fishermen want to go green but say DOGE cuts prevent that

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/national-news/ap-fishermen-say-trumps-doge-budget-cuts-are-preventing-them-from-adopting-climate-friendly-technology/>

WBRE: Judge blocks Trump administration from terminating \$14 billion in 'green bank' grants

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/politics/ap-judge-blocks-trump-administration-from-terminating-14-billion-in-green-bank-grants/>