

*Some clips may be behind a paywall. If **Regional** employees need access to these clips, please contact your **Regional Communications Manager** (NWRO – Tom Decker; NCRO – Megan Lehman; NERO – Patti Monahan; SERO – Robyn Briggs; SCRO – John Repetz; SWRO – Vacant). If **Central Office** staff (and others outside of DEP) need access to these clips, please email me at brandongla@pa.gov*

Mentions

Sunbury Daily Item: More than 80,000 pounds of litter cleaned up by state volunteers
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/more-than-80-000-pounds-of-litter-cleaned-up-by-state-volunteers/article_cf5af3d8-03e9-4b7e-89c3-ad86bea21a80.html

Philly Burbs: DEP investigating oily ditch water in Trumbauersville. But officials are mum on details.
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/05/21/residents-upper-bucks-county-pa-trumbauersville-boro-oily-water-test-results-rtk-dep-investigation/83744362007/>

SPS Fire

The Philadelphia Inquirer: The SPS Technologies fire had no impact on drinking water or air quality, the DEP says
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/sps-technologies-fire-dep-report-20250520.html?query=SPS>

Glenside Local: DEP says SPS Technologies fire had no impact on drinking water, air quality during May 20 meeting
https://glensidelocal.com/dep-says-sps-technologies-fire-had-no-impact-on-drinking-water-air-quality-during-may-20-meeting/#google_vignette

Air

WPXI: Natural gas leaks: What you can do to protect your family
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/natural-gas-leaks-what-you-can-do-protect-your-family/NW54TENX4VA7FBK6PVSMORCHFE/>

Chambersburg Public Opinion: 40 years later: What happened to the hole in the ozoner layer?
<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/climate-change/2025/05/21/what-happened-to-the-hole-in-the-ozone-layer/83746272007/>

Erie Times: Erie Coke Corp. scheduled for change-of-plea hearing on federal environmental charges
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/crime/2025/05/19/erie-coke-enter-plea-end-federal-prosecution-pollution-case-pa/83652226007/?tbref=hp>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Review: 'Something we value': Community beautifies Bridgeville's butterfly pollinator garden
<https://triblive.com/local/carlynton/something-we-value-community-beautifies-bridgevilles-butterfly-pollinator-garden/>

Tribune-Review: Pittsburgh parks rank 15th nationally, research says
<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-parks-rank-15th-nationally-research-says/>

KDKA: Pittsburgh zoo welcomes new male lion Hondo
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-zoo-new-male-lion-hondo/>

Bradford Era: Case partners with Appalachian Trail Conservancy on 100th anniversary knife
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/05/20/case-partners-appalachian-trail-conservancy-100th-anniversary-knife/>

Potter Leader-Enterprise: Volunteers, DCNR uncover piece of county's past CCC Camp
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter_leader_enterprise/news/local/volunteers-dcnr-uncover-piece-of-county-s-past-ccc-camp-was-unique-for-population-preservation/article_fb5eb9e9-74c5-4c17-92b6-1c130e62ad29.html

Drought

York Dispatch: More rain coming to York County. Will it help with drought?
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/05/20/more-rain-coming-to-york-county-will-it-help-with-drought/83742298007/>

Energy

Central Penn Business Journal: PA invests \$22.6M in solar energy for 74 schools
<https://www.cpbj.com/pa-invests-22-6m-in-solar-energy-for-74-schools/>

Central Penn Business Journal: RISE PA grants help manufacturers cut energy costs
<https://www.cpbj.com/rise-pa-grants-help-manufacturers-cut-energy-costs/>

Renovo Record: PJM power surge inevitable, but not insurmountable
<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/125616>

Centre Daily Times: Pennsylvania Senators attack solar energy (Op-Ed)
<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article306732056.html>

Mining

PublicSource: Will Australia revisit the deal that led a Pittsburgh firm to depend on the ore beneath its trees?
<https://www.publicsource.org/alcoa-mines-threaten-australia-forest-part-3/>

Allegheny Front: How Pittsburgh's Alcoa is undermining a rare forest to fuel its global aluminum empire
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/alcoa-mine-australia-forest-aluminum/>

Oil and Gas

Gant News: Karthaus Man to Stand Trial for Breaking into a Drilling Rig to Steal Copper Wire, Causing \$200k damage
<https://gantnews.com/2025/05/19/karthaus-man-to-stand-trial-for-breaking-into-a-drilling-rig-to-steal-copper-wire/>

Clearfield Progress-News: Karthaus man accused of burglarizing Nabors Drilling rig in Clearfield
https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/crime/karthaus-man-accused-of-burglarizing-nabors-drilling-rig-in-clearfield/article_a03b13a4-cd74-4332-8edf-f1c166a22547.html

PFAS

EHN: Millions in the U.S. may rely on PFAS-contaminated drinking water
<https://www.ehn.org/pfas-map-trump-regulations>

WBRE: The EPA is removing some 'forever chemical' limits – how can I protect my drinking water?
<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/national-news/the-epa-is-removing-some-forever-chemical-limits-how-can-i-protect-my-drinking-water/>

Philly Burbs: EPA rolls back PFAS regulations: What it means for Bucks County
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/05/21/what-epa-forever-chemical-rollbacks-mean-for-bucks-county-water-pfas/83627079007/>

Waste

Gant News: Faith and Service: Local Knights of Columbus Members Clean Up Local Bypass
<https://gantnews.com/2025/05/19/faith-and-service-local-knights-of-columbus-members-clean-up-local-bypass/>

Potter Leader-Enterprise: Austin Borough reviews rubbish burning, illegal dumping
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/potter_leader_enterprise/news/local/austin-borough-reviews-rubbish-burning/article_e56bf791-45fc-4755-bae2-36067d6bc3db.html

Water

Lancaster Online: Eden Township to work with Lancaster County Conservation District
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/eden-township-to-work-with-lancaster-county-conservation-district/article_d54a3446-0d95-4db6-acb5-794e53a90b8e.html

Lentown.com: Grant will help City of Lebanon Authority detect and reduce water leaks

<https://lebtown.com/2025/05/21/grant-will-help-city-of-lebanon-authority-reduce-water-leaks/>

Lancaster Farming: Revised Chesapeake Bay Plan Will Tackle Climate Change, Using Trump-Friendly Language

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/revised-chesapeake-bay-plan-will-tackle-climate-change-using-trump-friendly-language/article_3eba7d50-6596-424b-b5a8-eda9e9c5bcc5.html

Bucks County Today: Delaware River Salt Intrusion Jeopardizes Regional Water Supply

<https://bucksco.today/2025/05/delaware-river-salt-intrusion-water-supply/>

Miscellaneous

Axios: Too Good To Go app to cut food waste debuts in Pittsburgh

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/05/21/food-waste-app-too-good-to-go>

Tribune-Democrat: Somerset County commissioners outline disaster recovery fund plan, make \$10,000 donation

https://www.tribdem.com/news/somerset-county-commissioners-outline-disaster-recovery-fund-plan-make-10-000-donation/article_fc092dcd-72aa-4bdd-b764-896aed7fad69.html

The Mon Valley Independent: Fish and Boat officials announce free boater safety course to be offered at Smitty's Marina

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/05/21/fish-and-boat-officials-announce-free-boater-safety-course-to-be-offered-at-smittys-marina/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Flood watch issued for southwestern Pa. as rain moves into region for the rest of the week

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/05/20/pittsburgh-flood-watch/stories/202505200131>

Gant News: A New City of DuBois Inches Closer as Voters Pick a Whole New Council

<https://gantnews.com/2025/05/16/a-new-city-of-dubois-inches-closer-as-voters-pick-a-whole-new-council/>

Clearfield Progress-News: Fill material available to property owners, PENNDOT announces

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/fill-material-available-to-property-owners/article_cd47aca5-19d3-4e3a-b295-bea0c9b41c62.html

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philadelphia is one of the best U.S. markets for industrial real estate, new report says

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/industrial-real-estate-philadelphia-commercial-cafe-20250521.html>