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Top DEP Stories

Yahoo! News: DEP bands falcons living on Rachel Carson State Office Building in Harrisburg
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/dep-bands-falcons-living-rachel-170654953.html>

PennWatch: DEP bands falcons living on Rachel Carson State Office Building in Harrisburg
<https://pennwatch.org/dep-bands-peregrine-falcons-living-on-office-building-in-harrisburg/>

WTaj: Over \$175k awarded to environmental education projects in Central PA
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/over-175k-awarded-to-environmental-education-projects-in-central-pennsylvania/>

Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Greg Vitali: Pennsylvania's natural gas industry needs more and better regulation
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/05/23/pennsylvania-natural-gas-industry-regulation-dep-shapiro-greg-vitali/stories/202505230034>

Pa Environment Digest Blog: Late Night Dumping II: Conventional Oil & Gas Wastewater Dumping Continues On Roads, This Time With Bigger Trucks; New Research On Harmful Wastewater Impacts
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/05/late-night-dumping-ii-conventional-oil.html>

Philly Burbs: State, Trumbauersville manufacturer release info about oily ditch water test results
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/05/23/trumbauersville-company-details-ditch-water-test-bucks-county-pfas-drinking-water/83779232007/>

Bay Journal: Report calls on PA to promote safe passage for wildlife
https://www.bayjournal.com/news/report-calls-on-pennsylvania-to-promote-safe-passage-for-wildlife/article_f9d7d1e8-cb7c-431d-92bb-8b51a6601fd5.html

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WHYY: Philadelphia residents are tracking air quality and pollution from their rowhouses in real time
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-air-quality-pollution-monitoring/>

Conservation and Recreation

WESA: New campground opens at Bald Eagle State Park as reservations spike at Pa. campgrounds

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-05-23/bald-eagle-state-park-new-campground-reservations-increasing>

Reading Eagle: Officials set a course for new boat launch on Schuylkill in Muhlenberg

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WFMZ: Officials break ground for new boat launch at Pioneer Grove Park

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My Chesco.com: Explore the Great Outdoors: Shapiro Administration Unveils Pennsylvania's Summer Adventure Season

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/explore-the-great-outdoors-shapiro-administration-unveils-pennsylvanias-summer-adventure-season/>

Centre Daily Times: New Centre County campsites highlighted as PA's summer recreation season kicks off

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/bald-eagle/article306823646.html#campaignName=statecollege_morning_newsletter

Drought

WGAL: Drought Monitor Update: No More "Severe Drought" In The Susquehanna Valley Or Pennsylvania Since 2024

<https://www.wgal.com/article/drought-monitor-update-no-more-severe-drought-in-the-susquehanna-valley-or-pennsylvania-since-2024/64856447>

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WJAC: Cambria County moves forward with solar projects for public buildings

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/cambria-county-moves-forward-with-solar-projects-for-public-buildings#>

Pittsburgh Business Times: TECfusions unveils plans for massive data center and AI campus at former Alcoa site in New Kensington

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<https://lebtown.com/2025/05/23/nrg-energy-buys-ironwood-power-plant/>

Gettysburg Times: Franklin looks to further limit solar
https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_74b39cb1-89ad-4fdb-b26d-1a4649863fcb.html

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Bucks County lawsuit that blamed fossil fuel companies for severe weather events is dismissed
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/bucks-county-climate-change-lawsuit-fossil-fuel-weather-20250522.html?variant=2>

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<https://www.audacy.com/kywnnewsradio/news/local/judge-throws-out-bucks-county-big-oil-climate-lawsuit>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/ai-data-centers-delaware-valley-electricity-strain/>

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<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences/story/does-renewable-energy-reduce-fossil-fuel-production-us3>

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The Derrick: Titusville test work for wells underway
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