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## Top DEP Stories

WESA: Conservation efforts for Pa.'s mussels get lift from new federal habitat designation  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-05-04/conservation-pennsylvania-mussels>

## Mentions

Coal Region Canary: DEP Grants Permit Renewal for BRADS Landfill Until 2035  
<https://coalregioncanary.com/2026/05/02/dep-grants-permit-renewal-brads-landfill-schuylkill-county-until-2035/>

The PFSC Conservation Lantern: DEP is getting permitting done (page 36)  
<https://online.fliphtml5.com/goqkw/PFSC-Spring-Lantern-2026/#p=36>

Shamokin News-Item: Bill to guide use of food processing residuals passes PA House  
[https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/bill-to-guide-use-of-food-processing-residuals-passes-pa-house/article\\_56bea792-54d3-4ce9-995a-1ffe055b524d.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/bill-to-guide-use-of-food-processing-residuals-passes-pa-house/article_56bea792-54d3-4ce9-995a-1ffe055b524d.html)

Shamokin News-Item: DHS objects to DEP orders on Tremont, Upper Bern Twp. ICE facility water usage  
[https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/dhs-objects-to-dep-orders-on-tremont-upper-bern-townships-ice-facility-water-usage/article\\_3176f0b2-39be-4a19-ab4b-e73b05c6b540.html](https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/dhs-objects-to-dep-orders-on-tremont-upper-bern-townships-ice-facility-water-usage/article_3176f0b2-39be-4a19-ab4b-e73b05c6b540.html)

Vapors found in 2 houses bordering Chelsea Tank Farm  
<https://www.delcotimes.com/2026/05/02/vapors-found-in-2-houses-bordering-chelsea-tank-farm/>

## Conservation and Recreation

WESA: Master gardeners share spring planting tips  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-05-03/master-gardeners-spring-planting-tips>

Bradford Era: Kinzua Valley Trail Club marks connection complete  
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/05/01/kinzua-valley-trail-club-marks-connection-complete/>

The Derrick: Fox Hunt project moves ahead; park groundbreaking held and work could be completed by September  
[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/fox-hunt-project-moves-ahead-park-groundbreaking-held-and-work-could-be-completed-by-september/article\\_570e29ac-401f-4545-bf49-3a81ca8c76fd.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/fox-hunt-project-moves-ahead-park-groundbreaking-held-and-work-could-be-completed-by-september/article_570e29ac-401f-4545-bf49-3a81ca8c76fd.html)

WJET-TV: North East Marina makes repairs, builds on vision to be 'maritime center of excellence'

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/north-east-marina-makes-repairs-builds-on-vision-to-be-maritime-center-of-excellence/>

Times Leader: Third annual inclusive fishing event held at Frances Slocum State Park

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1740679/third-annual-inclusive-fishing-event-held-at-frances-slocum-state-park>

Gettysburg Times: Boyds School trail plan goes public

[https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/boyds-school-trail-plan-goes-public/article\\_cd5f687b-23c2-4397-9ff4-8f2d0cee34a8.html](https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/boyds-school-trail-plan-goes-public/article_cd5f687b-23c2-4397-9ff4-8f2d0cee34a8.html)

## Data Centers

EHN: Lack of big tech transparency hides reality of data center environmental costs

<https://www.ehn.org/data-center-lack-of-trasparency>

Allegheny Front: Pennsylvania PUC advances measure that aims to protect ratepayers from data center demand

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-puc-ratepayers-data-center-energy-demand/>

Mon Valley Independent: Fallowfield Township adopts data center regulations

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/05/02/data-center-regulations-adopted/>

The Times-Tribune: Archbald is the canary in the data center 'coal mine'

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/05/03/chris-kelly-opinion-archbald-is-the-canary-in-the-data-center-coal-mine/>

Lebtown: County residents protest proposed \$1.7 billion South Annville data center

<https://lebtown.com/2026/05/04/county-residents-protest-proposed-1-7-billion-south-annville-data-center/>

Central Penn Business Journal: PUC advances model tariff to manage data center boom

<https://www.cpbj.com/puc-advances-model-tariff-manage-data-center-growth/>

Altoona Mirror: Tech giant gets a blue-collar ally in battle for date centers

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/pennsylvania-news-apwire/2026/05/ai-data-centers-battle-tech-giants-get-union-ally/>

ABC27: Residents protest proposed Lebanon County data center

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/residents-protest-proposed-lebanon-county-data-center/>

ABC27: In the PR battle for AI data centers, tech giants got a blue-collar ally

<https://www.abc27.com/news/us-world/business/ap-building-trades-unions-emerge-as-a-key-ally-of-tech-giants-in-push-for-ai-data-centers/>

CBS21: Locals protest against proposed \$1.7 billion data center in Lebanon County

<https://local21news.com/news/local/locals-protest-against-proposed-17-billion-data-center-in-lebanon-county-south-annville-township-ai-artificial-intelligence-environment-pennsylvania-pa>

## **Drought**

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Dry conditions prompt warning from County Commissioners

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/dry-conditions-prompt-warning-from-county-commissioners/>

## **Energy**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Lifeline may extend Pennsylvania coal plants' operations and jobs for years — but at a cost

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2026/05/03/coal-electric-power-plant-keystone-conemaugh-pennsylvania/stories/202605030073>

Lancaster Online: Solar vs. farmland: Lancaster County weighs sheep grazing as energy solution

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/solar-vs-farmland-lancaster-county-weighs-sheep-grazing-as-energy-solution/article\\_07869e3b-4385-49c4-9cc6-561f79344a60.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/solar-vs-farmland-lancaster-county-weighs-sheep-grazing-as-energy-solution/article_07869e3b-4385-49c4-9cc6-561f79344a60.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Shapiro demands a stop to excessive utility rate increases, but has little authority to force change

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/shapiro-demands-a-stop-to-excessive-utility-rate-increases-but-has-little-authority-to-force/article\\_1d02f918-9878-432d-b0ea-2ef4890f5999.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/shapiro-demands-a-stop-to-excessive-utility-rate-increases-but-has-little-authority-to-force/article_1d02f918-9878-432d-b0ea-2ef4890f5999.html)

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Warren Times: 22nd Reservoir Cleanup Day flows Saturday

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/05/22nd-reservoir-cleanup-day-flows-saturday/>

## **Oil and Gas**

WKOK: Gas prices climb above \$4.50 a gallon

<https://www.wkok.com/gas-prices-climb-above-4-50-a-gallon/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Senate approves Yaw, Bartolotta bill to unlock federal well funding

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/senate-approves-yaw-bartolotta-bill-to-unlock-federal-well-funding/>

## **Water**

Pennlive: Pa. Supreme Court ruling means more sewage in the Susquehanna River, environmentalists say

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/05/pa-supreme-court-deals-blow-to-effort-to-get-state-to-pay-for-harrisburg-sewage-treatment.html>

Gettysburg Times: Littlestown nitrate warning prompts clarification from borough

[https://www.gettyburgtimes.com/news/local/littlestown-nitrate-warning-prompts-clarification-from-borough/article\\_f6ff8845-35c8-44ff-bc7a-ac23d8353d1e.html](https://www.gettyburgtimes.com/news/local/littlestown-nitrate-warning-prompts-clarification-from-borough/article_f6ff8845-35c8-44ff-bc7a-ac23d8353d1e.html)

WGAL: Constellation seeks Susquehanna River water for Three Mile Island restart

<https://www.wgal.com/article/constellation-susquehanna-river-water-three-mile-island-restart/71143042>

WKOK: Danville plans Route 11 floodwall closure exercise

<https://www.wkok.com/danville-plans-route-eleven-floodwall-closure-exercise/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Allegheny Front: Surfing the Great Lakes amid pollution

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/surfing-the-great-lakes-amid-pollution/>

WPXI: Peoples Natural Gas starting pipeline installation project in Monroeville

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/peoples-natural-gas-starting-pipeline-installation-project-monroeville/VA4LRSGMPC5TFUBCCOFLDBMQ/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Excelitas CEO joins Core Natural Resources board

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/01/excelitas-ceo-joins-core-natural-resources-board.html>

WNEP: Traffic is disrupted after a sinkhole opens up along Mundy Street

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/traffic-is-disrupted-after-a-sinkhole-opens-up-along-mundy-street-luzerne-county/523-4b4b388e-4810-467f-97f1-718bbebd97dc>

Lehighvalleylive: \$1.38 million bridge replacement to close section of Lehigh Valley road through summer

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/traffic/2026/05/138-million-bridge-replacement-to-close-section-of-lehigh-valley-road-through-summer.html>

Lancaster Farming: Philadelphia Environmental Magnet School To Close

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/country-life/youth/philadelphia-environmental-magnet-school-to-close/article\\_e7fd79d0-3257-46e8-8294-b7799a023ff6.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/country-life/youth/philadelphia-environmental-magnet-school-to-close/article_e7fd79d0-3257-46e8-8294-b7799a023ff6.html)