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Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Protecting public health means enforcing environmental regulations while helping businesses thrive

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2024/11/protecting-public-health-means-enforcing-environmental-regulations-while-helping-businesses-thrive-opinion.html>

Air

New Castle News: County lifts ban on burning; state still has one in place

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/county-lifts-ban-on-burning-state-still-has-one-in-place/article_ca7fe904-a770-11ef-b484-2fd9a8273747.html

Indiana Gazette: Storms sweep through; meanwhile, a burning ban takes effect Friday

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/storms-sweep-through-meanwhile-a-burning-ban-takes-effect-friday/article_1da4146a-a79f-11ef-b0d5-f73512b6fb35.html

Climate Change

WESA: Richer countries are starting to pay poorer ones for climate change damages

<https://www.wesa.fm/2024-11-21/richer-countries-are-starting-to-pay-poorer-ones-for-climate-change-damages>

AP: Climate change goosed hurricane wind strength by 18 mph since 2019, study says

<https://apnews.com/article/hurricanes-climate-change-helene-beryl-milton-florida-24c2cbbb58d85903c22f40b9690e28f6>

Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: New Friends of Chapman chapter established

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/new-friends-of-chapman-chapter-established/article_79ba76e0-a79a-11ef-9619-6fca56ef1e0e.html

Corry Journal: Nearly \$500,000 Awarded for Recreation, Conservation in 65th District

https://www.thecorryjournal.com/hometown/article_1e2177ba-a6b0-11ef-b026-d3bba40fd0e9.html

Lebtown.com: Work on 2-mile addition to Lebanon Valley Rail Trail begins in 2025

<https://lebtown.com/2024/11/21/work-on-2-mile-addition-to-lebanon-valley-rails-to-trails-begins-in-2025/>

Drought

Pennlive: Susquehanna River level drops due to 'very bad' drought across much of central Pa.
<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2024/11/susquehanna-river-level-drops-due-to-very-bad-drought-across-much-of-central-pa.html>

Energy

Reuters: Data-center reliance on fossil fuels may delay clean-energy transition
<https://www.reuters.com/technology/artificial-intelligence/how-ai-cloud-computing-may-delay-transition-clean-energy-2024-11-21/>

Washington Post: AI's hunger for electric power is threatening U.S. climate goals
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2024/11/19/ai-cop29-climate-data-centers/>

Oil and Gas

Erie Times: Letter: An 'economic boon'? Let's be clear on what fracking brings to Pa.
<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/letters/2024/11/21/letter-economic-boon-fracking-pennsylvania-trump-toxic-methane-jobs-cancer-air-deaths-health/76448474007/?tbref=hp>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Current, future Marcellus Shale Coalition leaders talk industry
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/11/20/marcellus-shale-coalition-leaders-talk-industry.html>

Post-Gazette: Marcellus Shale Coalition announces new leadership in new year
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/11/20/marcellus-shale-coalition-callahan-welty/stories/202411200111>

Post-Gazette: The perfect medicine: Range Resources lease extension at Southpointe shows 'COVID hangover' ending
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2024/11/20/range-resources-southpointe-washington-county-jones-lang-lasalle/stories/202411200129>

Waste

Lancaster Online: Florida plastic recycler signs \$52 million, 15-year lease for Denver area mega warehouse
https://lancasteronline.com/business/local_business/florida-plastic-recycler-signs-52-million-15-year-lease-for-denver-area-mega-warehouse/article_1ee3f246-a77c-11ef-a04e-bb88d3eafaac.html

WGAL: Paper shredder causes fire at large recycling center in York County
<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-york-county-west-manchester-township-fire-recycling-center/62974204>

WTAJ: CCRRA recycles over 400 pounds of campaign signs

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/ccrra-recycles-over-400-pounds-of-campaign-signs/>

Republican Herald: Saint Clair residents sound off on BRADS landfill

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2024/11/20/dep/>

KDKA: Dunbar Township residents say illegal dumping is getting worse

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/dunbar-township-illegal-dumping/>

WHYY: Human waste has been detected in Southern Delaware waterways. Home septic systems may be to blame

<https://whyy.org/articles/human-waste-southern-delaware-waterways-home-septic-systems/>

Water

Bradford Era: Bradford Sanitary Authority approves hookup for community center

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/bradford-sanitary-authority-approves-hookup-for-community-center/article_d70c4304-a782-11ef-a535-9f04beb17dfa.html

Lancaster Online: Penn Twp. proposes water and sewer rate hike

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/penn-twp-proposes-water-and-sewer-rate-hike/article_8d83b0cc-a797-11ef-8691-fbb551ce297a.html

WFMZ: 'We're halfway there': RAWA asking for more cooperation with 15% water reduction effort

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/were-halfway-there-rawa-asking-for-more-cooperation-with-15-water-reduction-effort/article_17865ffa-a765-11ef-8b07-f3c448658ed3.html

Tribune-Review: Yough water level remains low after relatively dry summer, fall

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/yough-water-level-remains-low-after-relatively-dry-summer-fall/>

Tribune-Review: Is your water fluoridated? Here's where to find out

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/is-your-water-fluoridated-heres-where-to-find-out/>

KYW News: Medical Report: Why was fluoride added to our water supply?

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/medical-report-why-was-fluoride-added-to-our-water-supply>

Miscellaneous

Lancaster Online: Developer of Mount Joy Twp. shopping center wants to rezone adjacent farmland

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/developer-of-mount-joy-twp-shopping-center-wants-to-rezone-adjacent-farmland/article_e05da71a-a794-11ef-9549-431298645da5.html

Huntingdon Daily News: Serviceberry is a sadly underused native tree that helps wildlife and is worth planting

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/ap/lifestyles/serviceberry-is-a-sadly-underused-native-tree-that-helps-wildlife-and-is-worth-planting/article_bff2d4c0-1d35-53c9-a1f4-1bc773c8129a.html

KDKA: Pennsylvania appeals court rules Springdale boiler house can be imploded

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-appeals-court-springdale-boiler-house-implosion/#:~:text=SPRINGDALE%2C%20Pa.,took%20down%20two%20massive%20smokestacks.>

Tribune-Review: Ruling on Springdale boiler house doesn't mean structure is coming down soon, attorney says

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/ruling-on-springdale-boiler-house-doesnt-mean-structure-is-coming-down-soon-attorney-says/>

KDKA: Several inches of snow forecast for parts of southwestern Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/winter-storm-warning-westmoreland-fayette-preston-tucker-counties/>

WTAE: Severe thunderstorms cause damage, multiple power outages throughout Pittsburgh

<https://www.wtae.com/article/severe-thunderstorms-damages-power-outages-pittsburgh/62968883>

Tribune-Review: Severe storms knock out power to thousands; possible tornado being investigated

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/storm-blows-through-thursday-knocking-out-power-to-thousands-cold-front-to-follow/>

WPXI: LATEST: Thousands in the region still without power as temperatures drop following severe storms

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/tens-thousands-without-electricity-amid-severe-storms/QRB5MRTQDJFJFE72YWBBFG5WTU/>