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Top DEP Stories

Clearfield Progress-News: DEP reports reduction in permit backlog
https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/dep-reports-reduction-in-permit-backlog/article_4cfc13e4-8fc5-11ef-8c3c-0bbd60e10224.html

Mentions

Corry Journal: Residents voice concerns at Corry Council meeting (Crematorium)
https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_247a43e8-8cc1-11ef-bb31-57eb716c17bd.html

Air

Mon Valley Independent: Study details health risks of coal-based steel
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/10/22/study-details-health-risks-of-coal-based-steel/>

Conservation and Recreation

Philadelphia Inquirer: Judge rules in favor of Montco residents opposed to using farm for municipal complex
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/upper-pottsgrove-township-smola-farm-ruling-20241021.html>

The Mercury: Commissioner hints Upper Pottsgrove will appeal open space ruling
<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/10/22/commissioner-hints-upper-pottsgrove-will-appeal-open-space-ruling-video/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Pennsylvania man is officially the world's pumpkin king
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/pumpkin-halloween-giant-gourd-pennsylvania-20241021.html>

KYW News: 'Zombie trees' lurking in the region pose an unseen safety hazard. Here's how to keep the monsters away
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/zombie-trees-pose-unseen-safety-threat>

Delco Today: John Heinz Wildlife Refuge in Tincum Hosts 'Ethical' Deer Hunts
<https://delco.today/2024/10/mentored-deer-archery-hunt/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: City of Williamsport seeks public input on parks and recreation

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/10/city-of-williamsport-seeks-public-input-on-parks-and-recreation/>

Energy

WITF/StateImpact: Nuclear boosters, skeptics eyeing Three Mile Island restart

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/10/21/nuclear-boosters-skeptics-eyeing-three-mile-island-restart/>

FOX43: Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold meeting to discuss Constellation Energy's plan to reopen Three Mile Island

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/three-mile-island-reopening-nrc-public-meeting-oct-25-comments-questions/521-6b6e905c-96b7-4aa8-bd73-179267eca07e>

Altoona Mirror: TMI owners plan reopening

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/10/tmi-owners-plan-reopening/>

DV Journal: Harris Campaign Fumbles Fracking Issue — Again

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/harris-climate-engagement-director-walks-back-drilling-comments/>

WESA: Coal community groups ask Harris and Trump for continued funding

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-10-22/pennsylvania-coal-communities-inflation-reduction-act-investments>

Utility Dive: PJM floats options for fast-track interconnection for shovel-ready projects

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/pjm-reliability-resource-initiative-interconnection-shovel-ready/730384/>

WESA: Biden-era solar program for lower-income homeowners could be 'in jeopardy' under Trump

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-10-22/solar-low-income-households-tax-credits-biden-trump>

News-Item: Shamokin school solar project expected to save district \$8.2M over 40 years

https://www.newsitem.com/news/shamokin-school-solar-project-expected-to-save-district-8-2m-over-40-years/article_eee246ca-8e57-11ef-b691-57d0becb6b92.html

Penn State News: Building a flexible and affordable electric-vehicle charging station

<https://www.psu.edu/news/academics/story/building-flexible-and-affordable-electric-vehicle-charging-station>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

WHYY: The PES refinery redeveloper signed a 'community benefits commitment' with 16 groups. Here's what's inside

<https://whyy.org/articles/pes-refinery-redeveloper-community-benefits-commitment-bellwether-district/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Deloitte partners with Team PA to assess potential industrial sites statewide
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/10/18/deloitte-partners-with-team-pa-to.html>

Oil and Gas

NPR: How jobs in certain industries in Western Pennsylvania help determine votes
<https://www.npr.org/2024/10/22/nx-s1-5154682/how-jobs-in-certain-industries-in-western-pennsylvania-help-determine-votes>

Tribune-Review: Murrysville council denies citizen petition to rescind oil and gas leases under park land
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/murrysville-council-denies-citizen-petition-to-rescind-oil-and-gas-leases-under-park-land/>

Daily Courier: Saint Vincent College professor studies relationship between fracking chemicals and birth outcomes
https://www.dailycourier.com/news/saint-vincent-college-professor-studies-relationship-between-fracking-chemicals-and-birth-outcomes/article_1e435a38-8da1-11ef-991d-6b9cc328387e.html

Waste

WFMZ: Reading to increase solid waste, recycling fee
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/reading-to-increase-solid-waste-recycling-fee/article_a373fb14-9002-11ef-88d9-33c947d422d9.html

Scranton Times: Garbage fire at Keystone Sanitary Landfill quickly extinguished, cause uncertain
https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/garbage-fire-at-keystone-sanitary-landfill-quickly-extinguished-cause-uncertain/article_748ac2f0-8fe0-11ef-bf80-6fbca33233b5.html

LehighValleyLive: 2 people who created Plainfield Twp. solid waste zoning district oppose landfill rezoning
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2024/10/2-people-who-created-plainfield-twp-solid-waste-zoning-district-oppose-landfill-rezoning.html>

Water

WGAL: Residents of 2 Dauphin County municipalities asked to conserve water
<https://www.wgal.com/article/dauphin-county-lykens-wiconisco-township-voluntary-water-restriction/62672766>

Philly Burbs: Middletown may impose 'stormwater fee' on residents, businesses. Here's why and how much
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2024/10/18/middletown-storm-water-impact-fee-flooding-improvements-bucks-county-pa>

Miscellaneous

Susquehanna University: Princeton Review names SU among nation's "green" colleges

<https://www.susqu.edu/live/news/1813-princeton-review-names-su-among-nations-green>

Fox56: Activists and fur farmers clash over mink releases, citing animal cruelty

<https://fox56.com/news/local/activists-and-fur-farmers-clash-over-mink-releases-citing-animal-cruelty>