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## Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: DEP Eliminates 2,402 Permit Backlog, Reviewed And Acted On 30,430 Permits So Far In 2025

<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/dep-eliminates-2402-permit-backlog.html>

## Mentions

WJET-TV: Australian company taking an interest in Erie Coke property

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/australian-company-taking-an-interest-in-erie-coke-property/>

PA Environment Digest: DEP Invites Comments On Sabre Energy Chapter 105 Permit For Proposed Shale Gas Water Withdrawal On Exceptional Value Muncy Creek In Penn Twp., Lycoming County

<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/dep-invites-comments-on-sabre-energy.html>

## Air

Tribune-Democrat: Crews repair gas leak in Ebensburg

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/crews-repair-gas-leak-in-ebensburg/article\\_26d9dc1e-650d-49df-b505-1917660db21f.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/crews-repair-gas-leak-in-ebensburg/article_26d9dc1e-650d-49df-b505-1917660db21f.html)

WJAC: Officials: Gas leak prompts lengthy repair, evacuations in downtown Ebensburg

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/gas-leak-prompts-lengthy-repair-evacuations-downtown-ebensburg-officials-cambria-county-pennsylvania-construction-crews-emergency#>

Allegheny Front: 3 Pennsylvania cities ranked among worst places to live for people with asthma

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/3-pennsylvania-cities-asthma-worst-place/>

## Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: Pittsburgh buying Riverfront Park for \$1 in effort to crack down on moored boats

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-riverfront-park-moored-boats/>

Lebanon Daily News: It's time to go trout fishing as rivers and lakes get restocked across Pennsylvania.

<https://www.ldnews.com/videos/sports/outdoors/2025/10/16/pa-fish-and-boat-commission-stocks-trout-in-streams-and-lakes/86731998007/>

PA Environment Digest: Penn State Extension Hosts 7-Part Online Tree Tenders Training Starting Jan. 14 To Feb. 25

<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/penn-state-extension-hosts-7-part.html>

## **Data Centers**

KDKA: No decision yet on proposed high-tech AI data center in Springdale

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/springdale-ai-center-meeting-update/>

Tribune-Review: Developers of would-be data center in Springdale offer first testimony to council

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/developers-of-would-be-data-center-in-springdale-offer-first-testimony-to-council/>

Pennlive: Cumberland County community says it can quench proposed data center's thirst

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/10/cumberland-county-community-says-it-can-quench-proposed-data-centers-thirst.html>

Lancaster Online: Pequea Township supervisors authorize solicitor to draft data center ordinance

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/pequea-township-supervisors-authorize-solicitor-to-draft-data-center-ordinance/article\\_dcd8c7d8-0e69-4643-9c92-a27e2c0bc9aa.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/pequea-township-supervisors-authorize-solicitor-to-draft-data-center-ordinance/article_dcd8c7d8-0e69-4643-9c92-a27e2c0bc9aa.html)

WNEP: Town hall meeting held in Luzerne County over proposed data center project

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/town-hall-meeting-held-in-luzerne-county-over-proposed-data-center-project-sugarloaf-township-state-representative-jamie-walsh-bailey-simrell/523-929c7557-cb4a-400e-addf-645486bebf54?tbref=hp>

Bucks County Beacon: Pennsylvania Community Groups Urge Officials to Restrict Data Center Development

<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2025/10/pennsylvania-community-groups-urge-officials-to-restrict-data-center-development/>

Penn Capital-Star: Pennsylvania community groups urge officials to restrict data center development

<https://penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/pennsylvania-community-groups-urge-officials-to-restrict-data-center-development/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State House plays catch-up with data center development

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/10/state-house-plays-catch-up-with-data-center-development/>

PA Environment Digest: Penn State Extension Hosts Dec. 11 Webinar: A.I. Data Centers In Pennsylvania - Why Here? Why Now?

<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/penn-state-extension-hosts-dec-11.html>

## **Energy**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Duquesne Light's new \$237.4 million substation aims to bolster service for Downtown Pittsburgh

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/10/16/duquesne-light-downtown-pittsburgh-substation/stories/202510160074>

Pittsburgh Business Times: New substation to energize Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle, support 2026 NFL Draft

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/10/16/watson-substation-duquesne-light.html>

KDKA: Duquesne Light says new \$237 million substation will help power Downtown Pittsburgh

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/duquesne-light-watson-substation-downtown-pittsburgh/>

WTAE: New Duquesne Light substation expected to boost Pittsburgh's power grid resiliency

<https://www.wtae.com/article/new-duquesne-light-substation/69060699>

WESA: New Duquesne Light substation promises to increase grid resiliency in Downtown

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-10-16/new-electric-substation-grid-resiliency-downtown>

Bedford Gazette: Shapiro calls for change in power grid setup

[https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/shapiro-calls-for-change-in-power-grid-setup/article\\_7dc38c15-5adb-4176-bf3b-b56f9a300f51.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/shapiro-calls-for-change-in-power-grid-setup/article_7dc38c15-5adb-4176-bf3b-b56f9a300f51.html)

PA Environment Digest: 17 PA Republican Senators Urge PJM To Reject Prioritizing Ready To Deploy Wind, Solar Energy Projects When Demand For Power Is Surging

<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/17-pa-republican-senators-urge-pjm-to.html>

## **Mining**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Rich Nolan: American coal could help force Russia out of Ukraine

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/op-ed/2025/10/17/american-russian-coal-exports-funding-ukraine-war-rich-nolan/stories/202510170026>

Patch.com: Blasting Scheduled At Warrington Stone Quarry

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/doylestown/blasting-scheduled-warrington-stone-quarry>

## **Oil and Gas**

Pennlive: Some Pennsylvania legislators are trying to silence local voices on fracking

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2025/10/some-pennsylvania-legislators-are-trying-to-silence-local-voices-on-fracking-pennlive-letters.html>

## **PFAS**

Huntingdon Daily News: Council hears solar panel PFAS concerns

[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/council-hears-solar-panel-pfas-concerns/article\\_682709f0-95f6-4218-b172-7d7ff2d89e26.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/council-hears-solar-panel-pfas-concerns/article_682709f0-95f6-4218-b172-7d7ff2d89e26.html)

## **Waste**

Republican Herald: Stehr, Argall announce state funding to improve wastewater treatment in Pine Grove  
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/10/17/stehr-argall-announce-state-funding-to-improve-wastewater-treatment-in-pine-grove/>

Bucks County Beacon: 'Saving Plumstead': A Rural Bucks County Township Stands Together to Preserve Their Piece of Paradise  
<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2025/10/saving-plumstead-a-rural-bucks-county-township-stands-together-to-preserve-their-piece-of-paradise/>

## **Water**

Tribune-Democrat: Greater Johnstown Water Authority approves rate increases to fund North Fork Dam renovation  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/greater-johnstown-water-authority-approves-rate-increases-to-fund-north-fork-dam-renovation/article\\_500480a8-16b3-451f-b959-e947eb15b272.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/greater-johnstown-water-authority-approves-rate-increases-to-fund-north-fork-dam-renovation/article_500480a8-16b3-451f-b959-e947eb15b272.html)

WTAE: Early morning water main break in Pittsburgh's Banksville neighborhood  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/early-thursday-morning-water-main-break-in-pittsburghs-banksville-neighborhood/69055007>

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<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/erie-water-works-awarded-10m-to-finish-lead-pipe-replacements/>

York Daily Record: Schools close after precautionary boil water advisory from New Oxford Municipal Authority  
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2025/10/16/boil-water-advisory-issued-by-new-oxford-municipal-authority/86730695007/?tbref=hp>

ABC27: Local school district closed Friday due to water boil advisory  
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/local-school-district-closed-friday-due-to-water-boil-advisory/>

CBS21: School district cancels classes due to boil water advisory in New Oxford  
<https://local21news.com/news/local/school-district-cancels-classes-due-to-boil-water-advisory-in-new-oxford-adams-county-conewago-valley-school-district-friday-bottled-drinking-york-water-customers-pennsylvania-pa#>

FOX43: Conewago Valley schools shut down Oct. 17 due to boil water advisory  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/education/conewago-valley-schools-shut-down-oct-17-due-to-boil-water-warning/521-9e1a81f1-ac98-4ef9-93d8-5a2579dfa9cc>

WGAL: Conewago Valley School District cancels classes on Friday due to boil water advisory  
<https://www.wgal.com/article/conewago-valley-school-district-cancels-classes-friday-due-boil-water-advisory/69064917>

Lebtown: Myerstown to undertake wastewater treatment facility feasibility study  
<https://lebtown.com/2025/10/17/myerstown-to-undertake-wastewater-treatment-facility-feasibility-study/>

Pipeline & Gas Journal: DEP Grants Transco Pipeline Permits in Southeastern Pennsylvania  
<https://pgjonline.com/news/2025/october/dep-grants-transco-pipeline-permits-in-southeastern-pennsylvania>

Philly Burbs: It's time to go trout fishing as rivers and lakes get restocked across Pennsylvania  
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/videos/sports/outdoors/2025/10/16/pa-fish-and-boat-commission-stocks-trout-in-streams-and-lakes/86731998007/>

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<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/dcnr-now-accepting-nominations-for.html>

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<http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/pennvest-invests-5471-million-in-water.html>

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Coal Region Canary: Pottsville to Begin Conservatorship Process on Several Properties  
<https://coalregioncanary.com/2025/10/16/pottsville-conservatorship-petitions-funding-questions/>

Lehighvalleylive: New buyer plans to demolish, redevelop aging Pennsylvania mall  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2025/10/new-buyer-plans-to-demolish-redevelop-aging-pennsylvania-mall.html>

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<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/10/16/businessman-eyes-private-club-in-wilkes-barre-after-internet-company-sale/>

WFMZ: East Allen zoners reject warehouse developer's requests  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/nazareth-northampton-area/east-allen-zoners-reject-warehouse-developers-requests/article\\_3f2ecb56-fce7-4954-9c77-9b9ef0660b78.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/nazareth-northampton-area/east-allen-zoners-reject-warehouse-developers-requests/article_3f2ecb56-fce7-4954-9c77-9b9ef0660b78.html)

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