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Top DEP Stories

CBS21: 'Oh no, not another one': DEP mandates create problems for some small businesses
<https://local21news.com/news/local/i-thought-oh-no-not-another-one-dep-mandates-creating-problems-for-small-businesses>

Mentions

WKOK: Daily Item: Selinsgrove considers removing fluoride from water
<https://www.wkok.com/daily-item-selinsgrove-considers-removing-fluoride-from-water/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Sunbury Council to listen to dentists' concerns on fluoride removal from water system
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/sunbury-council-to-listen-to-dentists-concerns-on-fluoride-removal-from-water-system/article_034e10e1-24ee-464a-b086-e901aa86fb46.html

Air

Indiana Gazette: White Township officials provide tentative timeline for Sheetz demolition/reconstruction project
https://www.indianagazette.com/news/white-township-officials-provide-tentative-timeline-for-sheetz-demolition-reconstruction-project/article_ccee5936-09f5-45d5-93d6-6de3a7b7d1c6.html

Climate Change

Sunbury Daily Item: RGGI exit again gets OK in PA Senate; House reviewing the bill
https://www.dailyitem.com/cnhi_network/rggi-exit-again-gets-ok-in-pa-senate-house-reviewing-the-bill/article_e9520acf-bb33-5cc6-a9c1-a06c17457df9.html

Conservation and Recreation

Observer-Reporter: Muted fall foliage finally starting to pop
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/oct/24/muted-fall-foliage-finally-starting-to-pop/>

WESA: Saw mill opens in Wilkinsburg to reclaim, harvest fallen urban trees
<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2025-10-24/saw-mill-pittsburgh-east-end-harvests-urban-trees>

Indiana Gazette: Partnership blooms: Revitalized community garden beautifies Indiana

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/partnership-blooms-revitalized-community-garden-beautifies-indiana/article_45c9b1da-af94-446f-a640-aaa378ccdcf6.html

WOLF: Nonprofit and volunteers analyze Bowman Creek

<https://fox56.com/news/local/nonprofit-and-volunteers-analyze-bowman-creek>

Data Centers

KDKA: Pennsylvania lawmaker wants to introduce legislation on data center energy needs

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-lawmaker-legislation-data-centers/>

Allegheny Front: Washington County acreage pitched as 'carbon-neutral' data center development

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/washington-county-data-center-development/>

Herald-Standard: Large tract of South Strabane Township land pitched as potential AI data center

https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2025/oct/24/large-tract-of-south-strabane-township-land-pitched-as-potential-ai-data-center/

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Massive Bucks data center spurs call to protect consumers from getting hit with power grid costs

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/energy/monitor-questions-amazon-peco-data-center-agreement-20251023.html>

Sunbury Daily Item: PA lawmakers weigh economics, grid failure as regulations considered for data centers

https://www.dailyitem.com/cnhi_network/pa-lawmakers-weigh-economics-grid-failure-as-regulations-considered-for-data-centers/article_fbc07dde-8fdd-53a4-8963-62c2c18ed43a.html

Drought

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Drought conditions, low and warm water delay fall trout stocking

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/10/24/drought-low-warm-water-delays-fall-trout-stocking/stories/202510240004>

Energy

Allegheny Front: Eos Energy to relocate HQ to North Side, invest \$353 million in region, Shapiro says

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/eos-energy-battery-storage-pittsburgh/>

Pa Environmental Digest Blog: Erie 2030 District Property Partners Achieve \$4.5 Million In Energy Savings, 18.9% Reduction In Energy Demand

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/10/erie-2030-district-property-partners.html>

CBS21: Public Utility Commission to investigate proposed \$356.3M rate hike from PPL Electric
<https://local21news.com/news/local/public-utility-commission-to-investigate-3563m-rate-hike-from-ppl-electric>

WFMZ: State regulators to investigate proposed PPL rate increase
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/state-regulators-to-investigate-proposed-ppl-rate-increase/article_999ecf8a-20ae-483e-8f55-7a1dca01cb02.html

WKOK: PPL rate hike on hold for state investigation
<https://www.wkok.com/ppl-rate-hike-on-hold-for-state-investigation/>

Sunbury Daily Item: PA DHS: LIHEAP could start Dec. 3 if federal shutdown ends
https://www.dailyitem.com/cnhi_network/pa-dhs-liheap-could-start-dec-3-if-federal-shutdown-ends/article_0c0b0e44-a368-5898-9482-702a197cb94d.html

Oil and Gas

Erie Times: National Fuel has expanded into Ohio. What does that purchase mean to customers in Erie?
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/2025/10/24/national-fuel-gas-expands-into-ohio-purchase-cnp-ohio/86834381007/>

Vector Management

Herald-Standard: Small pest: Big problems
https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2025/oct/23/small-pest-big-problems/

Waste

WJAC: New municipal waste plan finalized in Cambria County
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/new-municipal-waste-plan-finalized-in-cambria-county>

EHN: Recycling plastic increases the amount of toxic chemicals it contains
<https://www.ehn.org/plastic-recycling-increases-chemicals>

WFMZ: LVPC backs Plainfield Township landfill expansion with recommendations
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/slate-belt/lvpc-backs-plainfield-township-landfill-expansion-with-recommendations/article_c9eb5747-c9b7-4da5-83c6-41364979bae1.html#tncms-source=More-from-newsroom-\(right-column\)](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/slate-belt/lvpc-backs-plainfield-township-landfill-expansion-with-recommendations/article_c9eb5747-c9b7-4da5-83c6-41364979bae1.html#tncms-source=More-from-newsroom-(right-column))

The Philadelphia Inquirer: A new effort to catch illegal dumpers is underway in Philadelphia
<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/philadelphia/mayor-parker-illegal-dumping-crackdown-20251023.html>

6abc: Mayor Parker announces new task force to combat illegal dumping in Philadelphia

<https://6abc.com/post/mayor-parker-announces-new-task-force-combat-illegal-dumping-philadelphia/18063028/>

Fox29: Philadelphia launches new task force to tackle illegal dumping: Everything we know
<https://www.fox29.com/news/philadelphia-launches-new-task-force-tackle-illegal-dumping-everything-we-know>

WHYY: 'Philly ain't playing': City steps up anti-dumping enforcement efforts
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-anti-dumping-enforcement-efforts/>

Water

WICU-TV: Sewage and Storm Water Inundate Homes on Indiana Drive
https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/local/sewage-and-storm-water-inundate-homes-on-indiana-drive/article_05c6a0b0-3618-4255-b3e7-ddfabd3be28e.html

Gettysburg Times: Berwick advances stormwater gate system
https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_11f94c47-7d90-4cfc-b536-8a6f07765c88.html

The Philadelphia Inquirer: A new bridge could replace another spanning the Delaware River. Eventually.
<https://www.inquirer.com/transportation/turnpike-bridge-bucks-nj-replacement-20251024.html>

NorthcentralPA.com: Over 350 fish, 33 eels rescued from Susquehanna River pools near fabridam
https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/outdoors/over-350-fish-33-eels-rescued-from-susquehanna-river-pools-near-fabridam/article_1d0a011a-e07d-47b1-b446-2a71b6ef6372.html

Bay Journal: Revision of Chesapeake cleanup agreement roiled by shutdown, criticism
https://www.bayjournal.com/news/policy/revision-of-chesapeake-cleanup-agreement-roiled-by-shutdown-criticism/article_eb100346-a79f-4853-ba68-2236dee915c3.html

Miscellaneous

York Daily Record: 700 trees planted along creek near Airville to clean water, slow flooding, capture carbon
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2025/10/24/tree-planting-near-airville-aims-to-protect-waterways-slow-floods/86859036007/>

Chambersburg Public Opinion: See state plant 700 trees, in partnership, for cleaner water
<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/videos/news/local/2025/10/23/was-at-a-tree-planting-thing-with-state-officials-today-700-trees-along-stream-near-airville-to-impr/86858228007/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Pa. invests \$130,000 to plant 700 trees along York County stream to improve Chesapeake Bay
https://cumberlink.com/news/local/video_76fdc3cf-44d2-53e0-82b7-a399d9f62259.html

WTAJ: Haver's Creek to close temporarily due to expansion project

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/shavers-creek-to-close-temporarily-due-to-expansion-project/>

The Morning Call: Public Utility to investigate PP&L's Proposed Rate Hike

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/10/23/pennsylvania-public-utility-commission-to-investigate-ppls-proposed-rate-hike/>

Citizen's Voice: PUC votes to suspend, investigate PPL's \$356 million rate increase request

<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2025/10/23/puc-votes-to-suspend-investigate-ppls-356-million-rate-increase-request/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Is artificial intelligence our economy's friend or foe?

<https://www.inquirer.com/economy/artificial-intelligence-ai-jobs-economy-recession-20251024.html>

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<https://6abc.com/post/water-main-break-cracks-roadway-floods-streets-north-philadelphia/18066247/>

CBS3: Water main break floods North Philadelphia streets near Temple University campus

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/water-main-break-north-philadelphia-temple/>

Delco Times: Boothwyn animal rescue helps search for Broomall fox with pipe stuck around it's neck

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2025/10/24/boothwyn-animal-rescue-helps-search-for-broomall-fox-with-pipe-stuck-around-its-neck/>

NorthcentralPA.com: Truck rollover warning system testing next week in Williamsport at curve on Rt. 15

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