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Top DEP Stories

PennLive: Ex-wastewater treatment facility starts emptying tanks of stored material, months after leak
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/10/ex-wastewater-treatment-facility-starts-emptying-tanks-of-stored-material-months-after-leak.html>

Mentions

Indiana Gazette: Homer City's Shawn Steffee makes statewide publication's '50 over 50' list
https://www.indianagazette.com/local_news/homer-citys-shawn-steffee-makes-statewide-publications-50-over-50-list/article_889621c5-64b5-4600-89c8-21f54b888799.html

Conservation and Recreation

Observer-Reporter: Floating along: Kayak launch latest improvement at Wisecarver
https://www.observer-reporter.com/editors_pick/2025/oct/28/floating-along-kayak-launch-latest-improvement-at-wisecarver/

Tribune-Review: Temporary closure announced for portion of Butler Freeport Community Trail
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/temporary-closure-announced-for-portion-of-butler-freeport-community-trail/>

Tribune-Review: Bruce Cooper: McCormick must support the Fix Our Forests Act
<https://triblive.com/opinion/bruce-cooper-mccormick-must-support-the-fix-our-forests-act/>

WNEP: DCNR warns of dry conditions after brush fire leaves dozens of acres charred in Pike County
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/pike-county/dcnr-warns-of-dry-conditions-after-brush-fire-leaves-dozens-of-acres-charred-in-pike-county/523-e4609637-d199-4cc4-ac91-11d1caac7dea?tbref=hp>

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Data Centers

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KDKA: What impact will data centers have on your electric bill? Pennsylvania's utility commissioner weighs in.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-data-centers-electric-bill-utility-commissioner/>

Tribune-Review: Springdale planners cite noise study as commission delays vote on data center

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-planners-cite-noise-study-as-commission-delays-vote-on-data-center/>

Tribune-Review: Protesters rally against proposed data center in Springdale; 2nd event planned

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The Philadelphia Inquirer: As data center water demand surges, rivals American Water and Aqua are merging

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/american-water-essential-utilities-aqua-merger-20251027.html>

Sunbury Daily Item: Recreation commission releases map, attempts to ease concerns surrounding rezoning and Montour Preserve

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Drought

Gant News: Commissioners lift burn ban

<https://gantnews.com/2025/10/22/commissioners-lift-burn-ban/>

Energy

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Pennlive: The Energy Association of Pennsylvania proposes increased consumer risk

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<https://www.phillyvoice.com/philadelphia-streetlight-led-upgrade-project-guide/>

Mining

Skook News: Argall, Twardzik Visit Branchdale Mine Reclamation Project
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Waste

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<https://lebtown.com/2025/10/28/lebanon-city-to-begin-leaf-collection-on-monday-nov-3/>

Centre Daily Times: Recycling: Applications open for Centre County's Green Community Partnership
<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article312604881.html>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/10/27/american-water-essential-merger-peoples-natural-gas/stories/202510270042>

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/american-water-peoples-natural-gas-essential-utilities/69168327>

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<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/american-water-announces-merger-with-essential-utilities/EAP2FS3HB5DKNCGFTSYCZDBQ6U/>

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<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2025-10-27/essential-utilities-peoples-merger>

Tribune-Review: Utility merger to fold Peoples Natural Gas into \$63B conglomerate
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