

*Some clips may be behind a paywall. If **Regional** employees need access to these clips, please contact your **Regional Communications Manager** (NWRO – Tom Decker; NCRO – Megan Lehman; NERO – Patti Monahan; SERO – Robyn Briggs; SCRO – John Repetz; SWRO – Laina Aquiline). If **Central Office** staff (and others outside of DEP) need access to these clips, please email me at brandongla@pa.gov*

Mentions

KDKA: Pittsburgh Water announces historic low in lead levels following latest test

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-reaches-historic-low-in-lead-levels-drinking-water/>

Scranton Times: DEP denies Dunmore's request for Lackawanna County-based landfill inspector

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/10/28/dep-denies-dunmores-request-for-lackawanna-county-based-landfill-inspector/>

SpotlightPA: The clock is ticking for rural Pa. water company to settle case that could force a sale

<https://www.spotlightpa.org/statecollege/2025/10/rock-spring-water-company-pennsylvania-public-utilities-commission-state-college-rural-issues/>

Air

Pennlive: Maryland legislator seeks to end state's vehicle emissions inspection program

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/10/maryland-legislator-seeks-to-end-states-vehicle-emissions-inspection-program.html>

WNEP: No fire, no threat to the public after explosion at nuclear power plant near Berwick

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/no-fire-no-threat-to-the-public-after-explosion-at-nuclear-power-plant-in-salem-township/523-79da63fc-12c5-429b-81e8-bf14d8b3cba5>

Conservation and Recreation

Observer-Reporter: Pa Game Commission advises motorists to be cautious as deer activity increases

https://www.observer-reporter.com/editors_pick/2025/oct/29/pa-game-commission-advises-motorists-to-be-cautious-as-deer-activity-increases/

Observer-Reporter: Army Corps closes access to Yough Lake as Great Crossings Bridge reemerges

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/oct/29/army-corps-closes-access-to-yough-lake-as-great-crossings-bridge-reemerges/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Meet the Chatham University student who turned his beekeeping hobby into a business that pays his tuition

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2025/10/29/chatham-student-anthony-ondo-beekeeping-honey/stories/202510300039>

KDKA: Rutting season and daylight saving time mean more deer are on the road, Pennsylvania Game Commission says

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/deer-crossing-roads-rutting-season-daylight-saving-time/>

WJAC: Local volunteers plant trees to help with expansion, reforestation of 9/11 Memorial Trail

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/local-volunteers-plant-trees-to-help-with-the-reforestation-of-the-911-memorial-trail>

WJAC: FEMA to pay for restoration of section of Ghost Town Trail damaged by Tropical Storm Debby

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/fema-to-pay-for-restoration-of-section-of-ghost-town-trail-damaged-by-tropical-storm-debby>

Tribune-Review: Sweet endeavor: Shaler Area grad falls into beekeeping, and now it's helping to pay for college

<https://triblive.com/local/sweet-endeavor-shaler-area-grad-falls-into-beekeeping-and-now-its-helping-to-pay-for-college/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Trail completion helps transforms park

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/trail-completion-helps-transforms-park/article_1335d030-9f14-446e-8837-4798e061a0b3.html

Lehighvalleylive: Pennsylvania deer collision risk is peaking: What to do if you hit 1

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/10/pennsylvania-deer-collision-risk-is-peaking-what-to-do-if-you-hit-1.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Pennsylvania elk make trip to Benezette a must

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/10/pennsylvania-elk-make-trip-to-benezette-a-must/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Pine Creek Rail Trail connection to Wellsboro completed

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/10/pine-creek-rail-trail-connection-to-wellsboro-completed/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Finding your patch to watch birds all year long in PA

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/10/finding-your-patch-to-watch-birds-all-year-long-in-pa/>

Lock Haven Express: City featured in 'Keystone Stories' by WPSU; 'Waterways' talks importance of river for community

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/10/city-featured-in-keystone-stories-by-wpsu-waterways-talks-importance-of-river-for-community/>

State College.com: Shaver's Creek to be temporarily closed to visitors during parking, stormwater work

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/community/shavers-creek-to-be-temporarily-closed-to-visitors/>

State College.com: Late state college business man Skip Smith leaves \$25M to Arboretum at Penn State

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/psu-news/late-state-college-businessman-skip-smith-leaves-25m-to-arboretum-at-penn-state/>

Data Centers

Lancaster Online: Pennsylvania residents shouldn't pay the price for data center-spiked electricity rates
https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/pennsylvania-residents-shouldnt-pay-the-price-for-data-center-spiked-electricity-rates-editorial/article_b416b647-41c5-4b8a-888d-4f28068c3da8.html

FOX43: Cumberland County data center public hearing ends early amid legal concerns
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/cumberland-county/cumberland-county-data-center-public-hearing-ends-early-legal-concerns-accusations/521-561995fe-df7e-4ac8-b077-179b546d7bb7>

Republican Herald: Supervisors clarify position on data centers in Butler Twp.
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/10/28/supervisors-clarify-position-on-data-centers-in-butler-twp/>

NorthcentralPA.com: MARC addresses rezoning concerns
https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/marc-addresses-rezoning-concerns/article_e2a54886-ef3b-41ae-a23c-69064457c377.html

Energy

The Mon valley Independent: With 20th EV charging station, Pa. leads nation
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/10/29/with-20th-ev-charging-station-pa-leads-nation/>

KDKA: Duquesne Light to transfer power to new substation, possibly leading to outages Downtown
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/duquesne-light-outages-downtown-pittsburgh-substation/>

Tribune-Review: Solar farm eyed in Ligonier Township passes initial hurdle; emergency plans, buffer required
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/solar-farm-eyed-in-ligonier-township-passes-initial-hurdle-emergency-plans-buffer-required/>

Central Penn Business Journal: Lawmakers tour Three Mile Island restart
<https://www.cpbj.com/lawmakers-tour-three-mile-island-restart/>

Republican lawmakers from Pa., N.J., Va. and Md. weigh solutions to rising electricity bills
<https://whyy.org/articles/new-jersey-pennsylvania-virginia-maryland-republicans-electricity-bills-solutions/>

Legislation Would Allow Utility Costs To Count Toward Rebate Eligibility, Local Lawmaker Says
https://levittownnow.com/2025/10/29/legislation-would-allow-utility-costs-to-count-toward-rebate-eligibility-local-lawmakers-says/#google_vignette

Centre Daily Times: Federal changes lead to new challenges for Centre County solar project
<https://www.centredaily.com/news/politics-government/article312614583.html>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Reading Eagle: Landmark West Lawn gas station leveled; What happens next?

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/10/28/landmark-west-lawn-gas-station-leveled-no-redevelopment-plan-yet/>

Vector Management

Tribune-Democrat: 'What the mayfly is about': Hutchinson honored for Shade Creek efforts

https://www.tribdem.com/news/what-the-mayfly-is-about-hutchinson-honored-for-shade-creek-efforts/article_68b88f55-4209-421d-92db-da784114e29f.html

Waste

WTAE: Pickin' Up Trash: Official seeks \$9M to purchase new garbage cans for Pittsburgh residents

<https://www.wtae.com/article/official-purchase-new-garbage-cans-pittsburgh-residents/69184014>

Tribune-Review: Talking trash: Pittsburgh official seeks \$9M to buy city residents new garbage cans

<https://triblive.com/local/talking-trash-pittsburgh-official-wants-9m-to-buy-city-residents-new-garbage-cans/>

NorthcentralPA.com: New recycle drop-offs for unwanted electronics placed in Columbia County

https://www.northcentralpa.com/business/new-recycle-drop-offs-for-unwanted-electronics-placed-in-columbia-county/article_98e294c1-56cb-4fbc-9a23-9c541ae8cae9.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Trash talk: An inside look at Lycoming County landfill operations

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/10/trash-talk-an-inside-look-at-lycoming-county-landfill-operations/>

Renovo Record: Kiwanis Club of Lock Haven Holds Semiannual Litter Pickup

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/130680>

Water

Morning Call: Residents in Northampton County asked to voluntarily reduce water use

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/10/28/northampton-water-reduction/>

Standard Speaker: American Water and Essential Utilities – parent company of Aqua, Peoples Natural Gas – to merge

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/10/28/american-water-and-essential-utilities-parent-company-of-aqua-peoples-natural-gas-to-merge/>

The water wars are escalating in the City of Chester's historic bankruptcy

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/chester-bankruptcy-receiver-water-authority-20251028.html>

American Water Works, Essential Utilities to merge, creating \$40B public water utility
<https://whyy.org/articles/american-water-works-essential-utilities-merger-40-billion/>

American Water and Essential Utilities to Combine as a Leading Regulated U.S. Water and Wastewater Utility
<https://bucksco.today/2025/10/american-water-essential-utilities-merger/>

Chester Water Authority should hand over financial information and restructure board, receiver says
<https://whyy.org/articles/chester-water-authority-legal-filing/>

Why billions of gallons of raw sewage keep ending up in Philadelphia waterways
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-waterways-raw-sewage-pollution/>

Philly's waterways are polluted by billions of gallons of sewage each year, report finds
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/philadelphia-water-pollution-delaware-river-sewage-stormwater/>

MSN.com: American Water Works, Essential Utilities to merge
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/companies/american-water-works-essential-utilities-to-merge/ar-AA1PhqGA?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

Miscellaneous

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Editorial: Mon Valley trail bridge deserves state funding before Oakmont CC project
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/10/29/oakmont-usga-bridge-racp-carrie-furnace-hot-metal-rivers-steel/stories/202510290001>

WTAE: Safety system triggers controlled blast at Pennsylvania power plant | No threat to public
<https://www.wtae.com/article/pennsylvania-power-plant-incident-salem-township/69190195>

Lancaster Online: Lancaster County set to OK 1-year contract with Lebanon County for hazmat services
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-county-set-to-ok-1-year-contract-with-lebanon-county-for-hazmat-services/article_d53e4dd3-7e97-4e2a-8602-ca13f1da734d.html

Lewistown Sentinel: <https://www.cpbj.com/lawmakers-tour-three-mile-island-restart/>
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2025/10/shavers-creek-will-temporarily-closed/>

The Derrick: Hands-on learning: Environmental education trailers visit Cranberry Area High School
https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/hands-on-learning-environmental-education-trailers-visit-cranberry-area-high-school/article_3aa9e2d5-6e99-40bb-be3e-8d71e2322295.html