

WEST VIRGINIA NEWS SERVICE

Quarterly Issues Report – Q2 Second Quarter, 2022 (4/1/22 through 6/30/22)

West Virginia News Service Programs

During the second quarter the following compliancy issues were covered

Activism	Finance
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Children at Risk	Homelessness
Climate Change	Industry
Conservation	Mental & Physical Health
Consumer safety	Mental Health
Crime	Mining
Diet & Nutrition	Non-profits
Economic Development	Politics
Ecology	Pollution
Education	Poverty
Elderly and Senior Citizens	Public Health
Energy	Public Policy
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Environment and Pollution	Taxes and Taxation
Federal Government and Regulation	Violence
Federal Legislation	

Program # 22-04-01

Air week: 04/01/22

Public Health Emergency Set to Expire, More WV Kids Could Lose Coverage

1:56

SYNOPSIS: The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) is set to expire soon, and healthcare groups are urging the federal government to extend it. In West Virginia, healthcare advocates say thousands of children could lose health coverage when the feds' "continuous coverage" requirement ends. Comments from Julianne Yacavone (ya-KAH-vone-ay), executive director, West Virginians for Affordable Healthcare.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Children at Risk, Healthcare, Federal Legislation, Public Health, Public Policy

Program # 22-04-07

Air week: 04/07/22

Report: WV Among States With Most Impaired Sources of Drinking Water

2:32

SYNOPSIS: A new report finds 73% of the state's assessed waterways are impaired for drinking, swimming or aquatic life. West Virginia ranks among the top three states in the nation for the amount of rivers and streams used for drinking water that are classified as impaired. Advocates say 50 years after the passage of the federal Clean Water Act, more work needs to be done. Comments from Eric Schaeffer, director, Environmental Integrity Project.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Consumer Safety, Ecology, Environment & Pollution, Public Health, Public Policy, Public Safety

Program # 22-04-15

Air week: 04/15/22

Manchin Rails Against Inflation, Continues to Push Fossil Fuels

1:57

SYNOPSIS: West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin this week called for more aggressive action by the Federal Reserve to combat skyrocketing consumer inflation. He also called for relief at the gas pump, arguing that a climate plan including fossil fuels is the only path toward slashing gas and energy prices. But climate advocates in the Mountain State say West Virginians stand to gain from investments in clean energy. Comments from Morgan King, climate campaign coordinator, West Virginia Rivers Coalition.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Banking & Finance, Federal Government & Regulation, Finance, Inflation, Politics, Public Policy

Program # 22-04-21

Air week: 04/21/22

WV Could Gain \$335 Million a Year from Billionaire Income Tax

2:10

SYNOPSIS: Advocates say passage of the Biden administration's proposed "Billionaire Minimum Income Tax" could deliver up to \$335 million annually to West Virginia if distributed as are current federal grant funds. Comments from Gary Zuckett, executive director, West Virginia Citizen Action.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Federal Government & Regulation, Federal Legislation, Taxes & Taxation

Program # 22-04-29
Air week: 04/29/22

Routing MV Pipeline Under Streams, Wetlands Called Habitat Risk

1:55

SYNOPSIS: After the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission greenlighted a request from the Mountain Valley Pipeline to change its crossing method for around 180 bodies of water and wetlands, environmental groups say wildlife and habitat in the project's path could be in peril. Comments from Lewis Freeman, executive director, Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Conservation, Ecology, Energy, Environment, Federal Government & Regulation, Public Policy

Program # 22-05-03
Air week: 05/03/22

Charleston Food Truck to Provide Daily Meals to Those in Need

2:00

SYNOPSIS: Charleston food pantry and soup kitchen Manna Meal was recently awarded around \$900,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase and operate the region's first food truck designed to serve food-insecure residents. Comments from Amy Wolfe, executive director, Manna Meal.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Diet & Nutrition, Elderly and Senior Citizens, Health & Nutrition, Homelessness, Poverty, Public Health

Program # 22-05-04
Air week: 05/04/22

Post-Pandemic, WV Kids Still Catching Up at School

2:07

SYNOPSIS: Global nonprofit Save the Children is working with West Virginia students to help them catch up on what they missed during the pandemic. West Virginia's education system has struggled the last two years and is still catching up today. Comments from two spokespeople for Save the Children: Shane Garver, head of education, hunger and resilience; and Cathryn Miller, state director for the organization's West Virginia programs.

Host: Chance Dorland

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Children's Issues, Education, Non-Profits

Program # 22-05-05
Air week: 05/05/22

Experts: WV Mental-Health Issues Can Spur Child Anxiety

2:37

SYNOPSIS: During Mental Health Awareness Month and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, global nonprofit Save the Children is working with families and students to increase services in West Virginia, as rural populations and the COVID pandemic have created a larger "mental health desert" in areas of the state. Comments from two spokespeople for Save the Children: Greta Wetzel, senior advisor for psychosocial support; and Erika Blackburn, lead associate for community engagement in West Virginia.

Host: Chance Dorland

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: : Children's Issues, Children at Risk, Mental & Physical Health, Non-Profits, Public Health

Program # 22-05-10

Air week: 05/10/22

WV's Low-Output Oil, Gas Wells Big Contributors to Methane Emissions 2:04

SYNOPSIS: West Virginia is home to around 75,000 oil and gas wells, and environmental advocates say lack of regular inspection and regulation has resulted in higher state emissions of the greenhouse gas methane. Comments from Evan Hansen, D-Morgantown, West Virginia House of Delegates member.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Climate Change, Environment & Pollution, Pollution, Public Health, Public Policy

Program # 22-05-23

Air week: 05/23/22

WV Has 'One Chance' To Improve Flood Preparedness 1:58

SYNOPSIS: A group of 80 officials and experts gathered in Charleston last week to update West Virginia's flood-prevention plan, on the heels of flooding that damaged more than 200 homes in Huntington. Comments from Steve Williams, mayor, Huntington, West Virginia; and Robert Martin, director, West Virginia state resiliency office.

Host: Chance Dorland

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Environment, Public Health, Public Policy, Public Safety

Program # 22-06-03

Air week: 06/03/22

Albright Dam Removal Part of National River Cleanup Effort 1:58

SYNOPSIS: June is National Rivers Month, and advocates say the one million dollars in federal funds allocated to remove the last remaining dam on the Cheat River will help restore fish populations, improve water quality, and expand outdoor recreation opportunities for West Virginia residents. Comments from Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy (SAY-dee), river restoration director, American Rivers; and Frank Jerneicic (jour-NAY-sik), retired biologist and member, Friends of the Cheat River.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Ecology, Environment, Public Policy, Wildlife

Program # 22-05-10

Air week: 05/10/22

Gun Safety Focus of Charleston "March for Our Lives" Rally 2:12

SYNOPSIS: Teachers, students, parents and their allies will rally in Charleston on Saturday (June 11) as part of the "March for Our Lives" to end gun violence. It's one of hundreds of similar events taking place across the country, in response to the most recent spate of deadly mass shootings. Comments from Fred Albert, president, American Federation of Teachers West Virginia, and vice president, American Federation of Teachers.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Activism, Crime, Firearms, Public Policy, Public Safety, Violence

Program # 22-06-17

Air week: 06/17/22

WV Faith Leaders Voice Support for Climate Solutions

2:08

SYNOPSIS: As climate change affects the lives of West Virginians, faith leaders and environmental groups are pushing lawmakers to enact policies like a carbon tax, which they believe will help mitigate the impacts of a warming climate. Comments from Jon Clark, Appalachia regional coordinator, Citizens' Climate Lobby; and Reverend Ron English, president, NAACP Charleston Branch.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Activism, Climate Change, Public Policy

Program # 22-06-23

Air week: 03/08/22

Amid Restrictions, Uncertain Fate of Roe, Abortions Rise in U.S.

1:53

SYNOPSIS: More people are having abortions in the United States, according to the latest U.S. Census data. In West Virginia, women's health advocates say the need will continue even if the federal government overturns Roe v. Wade, and would disproportionately affect low-income and women of color. Comments from Kaylen Barker, communications director, West Virginia Women's Health Center.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Health, Poverty, Public Health, Public Policy

Program # 22-06-30

Air week: 06/30/22

In WV, a Push to Rebuild Economy from the 'Ground Up'

2:17

SYNOPSIS: A new coalition of businesses and nonprofits in West Virginia is vying for \$100 million they say would help jumpstart the state's green economy and reclaim former mining land. Comments from Brandon Dennison, founder and CEO, Coalfield Development.

Host: Nadia Ramlagan

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: Business, Economic Development, Environment, Mining, Non-Profits, Public Policy