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## Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: DEP sends Keystone Sanitary Landfill pre-denial letter over proposal to discharge into Little Roaring Brook

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## East Palestine Train Derailment

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