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Top DEP Stories

WKOK: PA sets new limits for data center development

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Grants awarded to local agricultural businesses

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WHYY: Governors' races are being increasingly buffeted by the toxic politics of data centers

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DELCO Times: Shapiro, feeling heat of election year controversy, toughens Pennsylvania's data center rules

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