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Top DEP Stories

WITF/StateImpact: DEP says iPads, plus a new app, mean staff can do more oil and gas inspections
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Towanda Daily Review: 'A win for landowners:' Judge's order favors Commonwealth in Chesapeake, Anadarko case
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<http://www.centraldaily.com/news/business/article190290214.html>

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Scranton Times: D&H Rail Trail begins capital campaign

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Morning Call: Jack McCallum: What happens when a pipeline is built in your backyard

<http://www.mcall.com/opinion/yourview/mc-atlantic-sunrise-pipeline-pennsylvania-mccallum-yv--20171216-story.html>

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Altoona Mirror: IRC announces holiday recycling programs

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Citizens' Voice: Plan will correct water runoff problem in Ashley

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