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Top DEP Stories

abc27: PA now produces enough solar energy to power Pittsburgh-sized city

<https://www.abc27.com/news/pa-now-produces-enough-solar-energy-to-power-pittsburgh-sized-city/>

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<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2023/dec/13/company-proposing-non-coal-underground-mine-in-deemstom/>

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Post-Gazette: Large underground limestone mine proposal in Clarksville is getting its first public airing

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Post-Gazette: 'We have to raise our voice and tell our story': Clairton grandmother crusades for better air
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Pennlive: The climate litigation campaign is the product of a broken civil justice system
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PFAS

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Butler Eagle: Penn Township residents unhappy with sewer rate increase

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