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Top DEP Stories

Bucks County Beacon: US Appeals Court Rules Environmental Groups Can Continue Legal Challenge of Pipeline That Would Pass Through Bucks County

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East Palestine Train Derailment

AP: Few residents opt out of \$600 million class action settlement in East Palestine, Ohio, derailment

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Plum Home Explosion

Post-Gazette: Peoples Natural Gas not at fault in Plum house explosion that killed 6, state agency concludes
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/07/16/rustic-ridge-blast-puc-peoples-natural-gas/stories/202407160085>

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/puc-rules-peoples-gas-equipment-not-responsible-for-rustic-ridge-explosion/>

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