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Top DEP Stories

Bucks County Beacon: ‘Roadspreading’ Returns: How Pennsylvania’s Oil Industry Quietly Dumped Waste Across the State

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East Palestine Train Derailment

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