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Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: DEP Sets 8th Hearing July 22 On State Plan To Implement Federal Rule Requiring Methane Emissions Reductions From Conventional Oil & Gas, Shale Gas Facilities

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Mentions

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Climate Change

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PFAS

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