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Top DEP Stories

The Express: Senators grill Pa. DEP head on efforts to speed new power plant permitting
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Mentions

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Air

WBRE: Kratom plant fined for odor problem

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Conservation and Recreation

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