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Top DEP Stories

Republican Herald: Frackville law office provides legal representation to clients exposed to cancer-causing ‘forever chemicals’

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Climate Change

Pennlive: This summer 'could be one of the nation's hottest'

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<https://www.fox29.com/video/1457110>

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