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Top DEP Stories

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Times News: PennEast says it will take pipeline matter to Supreme Court
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WPXI: Hemp-drying warehouse shut down by city after odor complaints, permit violations
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Titusville Herald: Venango, Warren County projects share \$405,400 in state grants (pg 2)
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