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Top DEP Stories

Public Source: Pa. fines Shell \$15 million for air pollution from its Beaver County plastics plant

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Lehighvalleylive: Pennsylvania wild trout advocates target hatchery and stocking reform

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Altoona Mirror: Clearly Ahead Development shares plans for Clearfield, Curwensville in-river recreational parks

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