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Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pennsylvania wins \$14M federal grant to test geothermal energy in natural gas wells

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Climate Change

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Data Centers

Allegheny Front: Pa. state House passes 2 measures on data center regulation

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WJPA: North Franklin Adopts Data Center Ordinances

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: County sets data center rules

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<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/authority-board-oks-scaled-back-solar-farm-project-for-arnold-palmer-regional-airport/>

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