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## Top DEP Stories

Clarion News: Commonwealth still under drought watch

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## East Palestine Derailment

WTAE: Carnegie Mellon researchers publish East Palestine mobile air sampling results

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Grist: Railroaded: In the wake of the East Palestine, Ohio, disaster, other train towns wonder: Are we next?

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FOX 56: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission probes surge in trout deaths at Moon Lake due to warm weather

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WESA: Biden frames his clean energy plan as a jobs plan, obscuring his record on climate

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Next Pittsburgh: How you can get involved in science from your own Pennsylvania backyard

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/monroeville-couple-battles-tesla-over-solar-panels/44520642#>

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