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Top DEP Stories

Mentions

Allegheny Front: Pa. Senate bill would cut impact fees for communities that restrict fracking
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SPS Fire

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Air

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Climate Change

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Conservation and Recreation

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Erie Times: Can you fly a drone at a state park in Pennsylvania?
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