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## **Top DEP Stories**

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WESA: Documents reveal new details about Gov. Shapiro's secret working group on greenhouse gas emissions

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-08-07/documents-shapiro-greenhouse-gas-emissions-group>

Delco Times: 'What a nightmare': At least 23,000 lose power in Delaware County as storms hit hard and take heavy toll

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