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Top DEP Clips

State Impact: Drilling legacy left Pa. full of possibly harmful old oil and gas wells. There's new hope for cleanup to get a jump-start

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