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## **Top DEP Stories**

Pennsylvania Capital-Star: 18 counties now under drought watch, one more under drought warning, DEP says

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WICU-TV: Potter County Moved to Drought Warning; 3 New Pa. Counties Moved to Drought Watch

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