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## Top DEP Stories

WESA: 'We should be doing more': Pa.'s expanded environmental justice policy goes into effect this month

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/investigators-say-nothing-from-outside-the-house-caused-fatal-plum-house-explosion/>

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