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Top DEP Stories

Clearfield Progress: Pennsylvania adopts PFAS limits for drinking water

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Audacy: New regulations in place to protect Pennsylvanians' drinking water from PFAS chemicals

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/pennsylvania-lawmakers-pfas-containment-levels-regulation>

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<https://www.tnonline.com/20230116/thorpe-hears-septic-zoning-concerns/>

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