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Citizens' Voice: EPA remove Butler tunnel from super fund list

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<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/letters/2021/09/15/letter-editor-lapses-regulations-leave-little-recourse/8327679002/>

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RGGI

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2021/09/falcons-soaring-in-greater-numbers/>

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<https://www.wearecentralpa.com/news/local-news/solar-farm-bringing-green-energy-economic-boost-to-cambria-county/>

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Butler Eagle: Volunteers remove 300 tires, loads of trash from creek
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