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Top DEP Stories

Sayre Morning-Times: DEP proposes new safeguards to prevent groundwater pollution
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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/article316413528.html?tbref=hp>

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