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## Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Pennsylvania's permitting system is broken, and Gov. Shapiro needs to fix it  
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<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/30042024/pennsylvania-shell-plastics-plant-shockingly-bad-neighbor/>

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Penn Capital Star: U.S. House passes Summer Lee bill to find and deal with abandoned oil and gas wells  
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KDKA: Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute begins developing drones to fight wildfires  
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<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/entertainment/2024/03/01/hummingbirds-in-pa-attract-feeder-placement-bucks-county-birdwatchers-spring-migration>

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Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh trucking company says EPA is moving too fast with new truck emissions rule  
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<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/editorials/act-12-water-systems-for-profit-sales-high-bills-20240430.html>

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