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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: Department of Environmental Protection declares a drought watch for more than 30 counties across Pa.

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KDKA: Dangerously dry conditions raise Western Pennsylvania's brush fire risk

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Mentions

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East Palestine Train Derailment

WESA: New studies shed light on the contamination and response to East Palestine derailment

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Air

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Climate Change

WESA: Pa. starts to see climate spending impact, as upcoming election casts doubt on programs' futures

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Post-Gazette: Fact check: Harris vs. Trump on climate change

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Erie Times: Many steelhead were dying in Trout Run. How officials fixed a problem causing it

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WJET-TV: Erie Bluffs State Park inducted into the National 'Old-Growth Forest Network'

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