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## Top DEP Stories

Allegheny Front: Pennsylvania receives another round of record-level federal funding for coal mine cleanups

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## Mentions

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WESA: Trump has derided Biden's landmark climate programs. Would he ditch hydrogen?  
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