**Recent environmental related events not classified as earthquakes, storms, or volcanoes.**​​

**May 2018**

May 1st            Multiple sinkholes open in Florida neighborhood  
[*http://www.foxnews.com/us/2018/05/01/multiple-sinkholes-open-in-florida-neighborhood-spurring-evacuations.html*](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2018/05/01/multiple-sinkholes-open-in-florida-neighborhood-spurring-evacuations.html)

May 3rd           Wave of tornadoes hits central US  
[*https://www.newsmax.com/thewire/midwest-tornadoes-severe-weather/2018/05/03/id/858228/*](https://www.newsmax.com/thewire/midwest-tornadoes-severe-weather/2018/05/03/id/858228/)  
May 4th            Fire breaks out at chemical plant in Louisiana, forcing evacuations  
[*https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fire-chemical-plant-flowchem-technologies-duson-lafayette-louisiana-today-2018-05-03-live-updates/*](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fire-chemical-plant-flowchem-technologies-duson-lafayette-louisiana-today-2018-05-03-live-updates/)

May 4th            Spectacular 6-story-deep sinkhole opens on New Zealand  
[*http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/04/spectacular-6-story-deep-sinkhole-opens-on-new-zealand-farm.html*](http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/04/spectacular-6-story-deep-sinkhole-opens-on-new-zealand-farm.html)  
May 9th            After volcanic eruption, Hawaii faces smog, acid rain  
[*https://weather.com/news/news/2018-05-09-hawaii-acid-rain-earthquakes-lava-eruptions*](https://weather.com/news/news/2018-05-09-hawaii-acid-rain-earthquakes-lava-eruptions)  
May 10th          Toxic gas alert for Hawaii eruption; new areas at risk  
[*https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/toxic-gas-alert-for-hawaii-eruption-new-areas-at-risk/ar-AAx4BgM?li=BBnb7Kz&OCID=ansmsnnews11*](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/toxic-gas-alert-for-hawaii-eruption-new-areas-at-risk/ar-AAx4BgM?li=BBnb7Kz&OCID=ansmsnnews11)  
May 10th          Massive wave near New Zealand 'sets hemisphere record'  
[*https://www.9news.com.au/world/2018/05/11/06/39/largest-ever-wave-recorded-in-southern-hemisphere*](https://www.9news.com.au/world/2018/05/11/06/39/largest-ever-wave-recorded-in-southern-hemisphere)

May 16th          Ozone-destroying emissions are on the rise and scientists don't know why  
[*https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/ozone-destroying-emissions-are-on-the-rise-and-scientists-dont-know-why/ar-AAxoqNq*](https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/ozone-destroying-emissions-are-on-the-rise-and-scientists-dont-know-why/ar-AAxoqNq)  
May 17th          Earth just had its 400th straight warmer-than-average month  
[*https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2018/05/17/global-warming-april-400th-consecutive-warm-month/618484002/*](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2018/05/17/global-warming-april-400th-consecutive-warm-month/618484002/)  
May 19th          22 injured in explosion at Texas chemical plant  
[*https://www.upi.com/Top\_News/US/2018/05/19/22-injured-in-explosion-at-Texas-chemical-plant/9891526751904/*](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2018/05/19/22-injured-in-explosion-at-Texas-chemical-plant/9891526751904/)

May 20th          80 percent of public pools fail health inspection, CDC says  
[*http://www.foxnews.com/health/2016/05/20/80-percent-public-pools-fail-health-inspection-cdc-says.html*](http://www.foxnews.com/health/2016/05/20/80-percent-public-pools-fail-health-inspection-cdc-says.html)  
May 26th          CDC: Public pools are ground zero for bacteria  
[*https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/the-cdc-makes-it-official-public-pools-are-disgusting/ar-AAxKDbI?OCID=ansmsnnews11*](https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/the-cdc-makes-it-official-public-pools-are-disgusting/ar-AAxKDbI?OCID=ansmsnnews11)  
May 26th          Thunderstorms deliver more than 60,000 lightning strikes across UK  
[*https://news.sky.com/story/thunderstorms-light-up-london-and-they-could-last-for-days-11386689*](https://news.sky.com/story/thunderstorms-light-up-london-and-they-could-last-for-days-11386689)

May 30th          Salem-area residents warned not to drink tap water  
[*http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2018/05/salem-area\_residents\_warned\_no.html*](http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2018/05/salem-area_residents_warned_no.html)

**June 2018**

Jun. 4th            Whale Dies in Thailand After Swallowing 80 Plastic Bags  
[*http://time.com/5299868/whale-dies-eating-plastic-bags/*](http://time.com/5299868/whale-dies-eating-plastic-bags/) ​  
  
Jun. 4th            Whale Dies in Thailand After Swallowing 80 Plastic Bags  
[*http://time.com/5299868/whale-dies-eating-plastic-bags/*](http://time.com/5299868/whale-dies-eating-plastic-bags/)  
Jun. 12th          Landslides kill at least 11 in Bangladesh  
[*https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/bangladesh-landslides-06122018181200.html*](https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/bangladesh-landslides-06122018181200.html)  
Jun. 16th          Five-alarm Staten Island blaze injures 20, takes out several homes — including one bel…  
[*http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-metro-4-alarm-fire-staten-island-injuring-one-20180616-story.html*](http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-metro-4-alarm-fire-staten-island-injuring-one-20180616-story.html)  
Jun. 17th          Major fire ravages celebrated Glasgow School of Art for second time  
[*https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-fire-glasgow/major-fire-ravages-celebrated-glasgow-school-of-art-for-second-time-idUSKBN1JC05G*](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-fire-glasgow/major-fire-ravages-celebrated-glasgow-school-of-art-for-second-time-idUSKBN1JC05G)  
Jun. 26th          State of emergency declared as California wildfires rage on  
[*https://www.npr.org/2018/06/26/623451437/gov-brown-declares-state-of-emergency-over-california-wildfires*](https://www.npr.org/2018/06/26/623451437/gov-brown-declares-state-of-emergency-over-california-wildfires)

**July 2018**

Jul. 3rd             Azerbaijan hit by massive blackout, worst in decades  
[*https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/azerbaijan-hit-by-massive-blackout-worst-in-decades/2018/07/03/c422ae46-7ede-11e8-a63f-7b5d2aba7ac5\_story.html*](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/azerbaijan-hit-by-massive-blackout-worst-in-decades/2018/07/03/c422ae46-7ede-11e8-a63f-7b5d2aba7ac5_story.html)  
Jul. 5th             Death toll hits 33 in Canadian heat wave  
[*http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ny-news-canada-20180705-story.html*](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ny-news-canada-20180705-story.html)  
Jul. 6th             Southern California heat wave breaks records  
[*https://www.cbsnews.com/news/southern-california-heat-wave-breaks-records-in-los-angeles-today-2018-07-06/*](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/southern-california-heat-wave-breaks-records-in-los-angeles-today-2018-07-06/)  
  
Jul. 13th           Iceberg 4 miles wide breaks off from glacier in Greenland  
[*http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/07/13/iceberg-4-miles-wide-breaks-off-from-greenland-glacier.html*](http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/07/13/iceberg-4-miles-wide-breaks-off-from-greenland-glacier.html)  
Jul. 19th           Steam pipe explosion rocks Manhattan's Flatiron District  
[*https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/19/nyregion/steam-explosion-pipe-flatiron-nyc.html*](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/19/nyregion/steam-explosion-pipe-flatiron-nyc.html)  
Jul. 24th           Europe Is Broiling Under a Record-Breaking Heat Wave  
[*https://www.citylab.com/environment/2018/07/the-european-heat-wave-is-brutal/565955/*](https://www.citylab.com/environment/2018/07/the-european-heat-wave-is-brutal/565955/)