Recent environmental related events not classified as earthquakes or volcanoes.

December 2016

Dec. 1st Thick fog disrupts over 100 flights in Indian capital

<http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-12/02/c_135876240.htm>

Dec. 1st First-person account inside the Gatlinburg fires: Apocalyptic wasteland

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/12/01/first-person-account-gatlinburg-fires/94712194/>

Dec. 1st Princess Cruises to plead guilty to polluting ocean

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/12/01/princess-cruises-felony-plea-pollution/94726786/>

Dec. 2nd Queensland weather: Heat wave begins for state’s central and southern regions, BOM warns

<http://www.mamamia.com.au/queensland-heatwave-begins/>

Dec. 2nd Johnson Utilities' water in Pinal unsafe for infants

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/pinal/2016/12/02/johnson-utilities-pinal-county-drinking-water-nitrate-level/94844664/>

Dec. 3rd Rising temperature causes melting of glaciers in Himalayas

<http://english.cri.cn/12394/2016/12/04/4082s946482.htm>

Dec. 3rd 9 dead, 25 missing as fire rips through warehouse

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/12/03/casualties-reported-in-three-alarm-oakland-building-fire.html>

Dec. 3rd 17 dead, many trapped in coal mine blast in Inner Mongolia region

<http://www.kcci.com/article/china-coal-mine-explosion-kills-17-leaves-10-trapped/8461343>

Dec. 3rd At least 9 dead, around dozens missing after blaze at nightclub in Oakland, California

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/at-least-9-dead-many-missing-in-fire-at-oakland-party/ar-AAl6dVE?OCID=ansmsnnews11>

Dec. 3rd Ten-alarm fire raging in Cambridge engulfs eight buildings

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ten-alarm-fire-raging-cambridge-engulfs-buildings-article-1.2897453>

Dec. 3rd Building collapse kills 3 in eastern Chinese city of Jinan

<http://english.sina.com/news/2016-12-04/detail-ifxyicnf1500004.shtml>

Dec. 4th 20,000 stranded as heavy smog grounds flights at Chengdu airport

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/04/asia/china-smog-stranded/index.html>

Dec. 5th 2 Cars Submerged in San Antonio Sinkhole; 1 Man Rescued

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/cars-submerged-san-antonio-sinkhole-man-rescued-43974955>

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Dec. 6th Climate change could make extreme downpours 3X more likely, says study

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2016/1206/Climate-change-could-make-extreme-downpours-3X-more-likely-says-study>

Dec. 6th Meteor explodes over Siberian city, turning night into day

<https://www.rt.com/news/369379-siberia-meteorite-blast-video/>

Dec. 6th Paris imposes vehicle restrictions to combat air pollution

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2016/dec/06/paris-imposes-traffic-restrictions-to-reduce-air-pollution-1546180.html>

Dec. 6th 70-Mile-Long Crack Opens Up in Anatarctica

<http://www.livescience.com/57109-antarctic-ice-rift-is-70-miles-long.html>

Dec. 6th London City Airport cancels half of all flights as the capital wakes up shrouded in thick fog

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4004450/London-City-Airport-cancels-half-flights-capital-wakes-shrouded-fog.html>

Dec. 6th Driver injured as school bus nearly plunges into Brooklyn sinkhole

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/brooklyn/driver-injured-school-bus-plunges-nyc-sinkhole-article-1.2901254>

Dec. 7th U.S. tourist killed by lightning strike in Australia

<http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/12/07/US-tourist-killed-by-lightning-strike-in-Australia/3531481125905/>

Dec. 7th Baby teether study finds many contain potentially harmful chemicals

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/baby-teether-study-bpa-endocrine-disruptors-chemicals/>

Dec. 7th Extreme Downpours Could Increase Fivefold Across Parts of the US

<http://floodlist.com/america/usa/extreme-downpours-increase-fivefold-across-parts-us>

Dec. 8th 20,000 passengers stranded at Chengdu airport, China, due to smog

<https://weather.com/news/news/smog-chengdu-china-strands-tens-thousands-at-airport>

Dec. 9th Fog strands air passengers in Xinjiang Region and Jiangxi Province, China

<http://www.china.org.cn/english/news/234924.htm>

Dec. 9th Fukushima radiation has reached US shores

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/fukushima-radiation-has-reached-us-shores/ar-AAlkXUr?OCID=ansmsnnews11>

Dec. 11th At least 160 dead in Nigerian church collapse

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/nigerian-church-collapse-at-least-160-dead/>

Dec. 12th Surge in methane threatens climate targets, scientists say

<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/12/12/world/methane-gas-global-budget/>

Dec. 12th Erosion causes dangerous sinkhole on cliff in Pacifica

<http://www.thereporter.com/article/zz/20161212/NEWS/161219722>

Dec. 13th More than 400 evacuated in China after cracks open up old mining land

<https://www.sott.net/article/336733-400-People-Evacuated-in-Central-China-after-Huge-Cracks-Form-in-Ground>

Dec. 13th Hottest Arctic year on record triggers massive ice melt

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/hottest-arctic-year-on-record-triggers-massive-ice-melt/ar-AAlvEi4?OCID=ansmsnnews11>

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Dec. 14th 6-story-high record-breaking wave thunders through North Atlantic

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/13/europe/record-wave-north-atlantic/index.html>

Dec. 15th Corpus Christi Turns to Emergency Bottles After Chemical Taints Water Supply

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/corpus-christi-residents-warned-tap-water/story?id=44216609>

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Dec. 15th MTS cell tower catches fire at Winnipeg airport

<http://globalnews.ca/news/3129936/mts-cell-tower-catches-fire-at-winnipeg-airport/>

Dec. 15th Fire At Ibis Budget Hotel at Auckland Airport

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/87585319/fire-at-ibis-budget-hotel-at-auckland-airport>

Dec. 15th Top stories of 2016: Mystery illness in kids, including 1 Whatcom child, stirred up fear in parents

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article120753698.html>

Dec. 16th Fire Breaks Out At Hong Kong International Airport Lounge

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/education-community/article/2055298/fire-breaks-out-hong-kong-international-airport>

Dec. 17th 24 cities in N China remains on red alert due to dangerous smog

<http://www.chinadailyasia.com/nation/2016-12/17/content_15544018.html>

Dec. 18th Czech paper mill burns down, one seriously injured

<http://china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2016-12/19/content_39937932.htm>

Dec. 18th 20 feared dead in gold mine accident in eastern DR Congo

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/at-least-20-dead-in-congo-gold-mine-collapse-says-minister/story-NhDNk53VL8nE0rN5Hx4q7I.html>

Dec. 18th Lightening kills 2 children in central Tanzania

<http://english.sina.com/news/2016-12-19/detail-ifxytkcf8026648.shtml>

Dec. 19th Volcano erupts twice, spews ash, lava in Mexico

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/video/watch/volcano-erupts-twice-spews-ash-lava-in-mexico/vi-AAlIsQM>

Dec. 19th LAX loses electricity, causing air traffic contol to go on backup power

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lax-outage-20161218-story.html>

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Dec. 19th China chokes under heavy smog with worsening conditions ahead

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/china-chokes-under-heavy-smog-with-worse-ahead/ar-AAlJ42L?OCID=ansmsnnews11>

Dec. 19th Thousands of giant ice balls formed on a beach in Siberia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNo2iVYE5V4>

Dec. 20th Mexico fireworks market blast kills dozens, hurts scores

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/mexico-fireworks-market-blast-kills-at-least-10-hurts-scores/ar-BBxnYq0?OCID=ansmsnnews11>

Dec. 20th Chilling temperatures leave birds froze to a rail in Chelyabinsk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPS3p7Z_Lvk>

Dec. 20th Dangerous smog returns to N. China, 8 cities on highest alert shut factories, stop cars

<http://santamariatimes.com/news/world/north-china-cities-choked-by-smog-shut-factories-stop-cars/article_3a5dcfc9-1358-584a-9fc4-8cd211017f26.html>

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Dec. 20th Volcano eruption in Aleutian Islands sparks aviation alert

<http://www.chroniclejournal.com/life/travel/volcano-eruption-in-aleutian-islands-sparks-aviation-alert/article_be8379ef-2532-5897-8e19-a1e469d311e3.html>

Dec. 21st 2016 on track to be the hottest year on record

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/us/news/articles/climate-and-environment/2016-on-track-to-be-the-hottest-year-on-record/77164/>

Dec. 21st Mexico fireworks market explosion leaves 35 dead

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/21/americas/mexico-fireworks-market-explosion/index.html>

Dec. 22nd Catastrophic fire engulfs 140 buildings in Japan

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/12/22/catastrophic-fire-engulfs-140-buildings-japan/>

Dec. 22nd Ohio Gas Explosion Latest in Series of Recent Gas Explosions

<http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/ohio-gas-explosion-latest-in-series-of-recent-gas-explosions-838937155653>

Dec. 23rd Russian Deputy PM's plane makes unscheduled landing in Budapest, Hungary, due to heavy fog

<http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/russian-deputy-pm-s-plane-makes-unscheduled-landing-in-budapest-116122301253_1.html>

Dec. 24th 5 die in fireworks explosion in China Shandong province

<http://www.china.org.cn/english/China/188557.htm>

Dec. 24th 2 dead in illegal fireworks explosion

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-12-24/massive-explosion-rocks-illegal-chinese-fireworks-factory-least-two-dead>

Dec. 25th Sinkhole collapses house, forces evacuations, closes road in Detroit

<http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2016/12/reports_sinkhole_collapses_hou.html>

Dec. 29th After Delhi and Paris, Madrid imposes restrictions on car usage in bid to address rising air pollution

<https://scroll.in/latest/825454/air-pollution-after-delhi-and-paris-madrid-imposes-restrictions-on-car-usage>

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Dec. 30th Fire forces two-hour shut down at Khartoum airport, Sudan

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article61259>