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**Circumpolar Climate Events Map** – See this week’s circumpolar news and events. [Center for Climate and Health](#)

**U.S. Study finds low levels of fallout from Fukushima** *February 22, 2012*. According to a [report](#) from the USGS, minimal amounts of fallout from the 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power facility was measured in precipitation from U.S. sample sites. The low levels were reported to be well below any level of public health concern. [Science Daily](#)

**Sick seal near Yakutat shows possible spread of disease** *March 8, 2012*. Federal scientists report that a nearly bald lethargic seal recovered from the Southeast Alaska coast showed the same symptoms of a disease that sickened ringed seals and walrus on Alaska’s northern coast. [Associated Press](#)

**Mystery of Kivalina’s orange goo finally solved** *February 29, 2012*. Last fall the village of Kivalina was inundated by a mysterious orange “goo”. The substance has been identified as a parasitic plant fungus called a Spruce-Labrador Tea Needle Rust. But why there was such a massive event of this fungus remains a mystery. [Scientific America](#)

**Russian scientists germinate ice-age seed** *February 21, 2012*. Scientists in Russia have made a major breakthrough in permafrost research. The scientist found an ancient frozen ground squirrel nest that contained a chickweed seeds. The seeds were brought into the laboratory where they were able to germinate the small white flowered plant. [Eye on the Arctic](#)

**Videos of the Week: King Cove Avalanche** *March 2, 2012*, On February first a rare avalanche in King Cove slammed into the AC Store causing damage to the structure. Fortunately the store had closed early because of a storm and no one was hurt. [YouTube](#)  
**“Feel the Inukness.”** February 21, 2009. Feeling like spring? This short and fun video made in Iqualit, Canada has a bit of the feel of spring fever. It was put online last week and had garnered over 60,000 hits by Wednesday. [YouTube](#)

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*Regards – Mike*

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