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Sandy and the winds of change – You don't need a climate scientist to tell which way the wind blows *November 2, 2012*. Op-Ed by Eugene Linden. Even as Sandy underwent its bizarre metamorphosis from hurricane to winter storm, the question arose in many inquiring minds (at least those not beholden to a solemn oath of climate-change denial): Was this historic storm a symptom of global warming? Climate science has two ready answers: Absolutely! And, of course not! [Los Angeles Times](#)

Sandy leaves long list of health threats *November 1, 2012*. Public health officials are urging people to protect themselves from health threats. In places where drinking water supplies may be contaminated people have to boil their water before it is safe to drink. In several places sewage treatment plants have been paralyzed by fires or flooding. In these areas bacteria and other pathogens might make people sick. [NPR](#)

Politician questions spending on Arctic highway in Canada's Northwest Territories *October 30, 2012*. Jane Groenewegen, a member of the Legislative Assembly for the Northwest Territories says the government needs to take a sober second look at the proposed highway to the community of Tuktoyaktuk; questioning whether building a highway on melting permafrost and muskeg to a community struggling with erosion makes sense. [CBC](#)

Canadian farmer harvests potatoes near Arctic Circle *October 12, 2012*. One man in is transforming his town into the potato capital of Canada's Northwest Territories, harvesting 30,000 pounds this year. The short growing season and cold temperatures make growing vegetables a challenge. Government grants have covered three quarters of the cost of the seeds and harvesting equipment but he's spent thousands out of his own pocket and may finally make a profit this year. [CBC](#)

Video of the Week: Hurricane Sandy Hits New York City This four minute time-lapse video from the New York Times Building provides an amazing visual chronology of an epic storm. Pick out an appropriate sound track (I chose "[Money](#)" by Pink Floyd) and sit back and watch this amazing footage. [YouTube](#)

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