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Ice Storm Impact Compared to Past Winter Events *Fairbanks Daily News Miner (November 26, 2010)* Last week's rain was one of the worst types of winter events forcing schools to close for the first time in years. This article provides an overview of major winter storm events that have occurred in Fairbanks since 1937. [Read Story](#)

Methane: Earth Belches Gas Frozen for Eons Into Ice Under Arctic Lakes - *Associated Press (November 21, 2010)* Gas locked inside Siberia's frozen soil and under its lakes has been seeping out since the end of the last ice age 10,000 years ago. But in the past few decades, as the Earth has warmed, the icy ground has begun thawing more rapidly, accelerating the release of methane. [Read Story](#)

Invasive Freshwater Plant Found in Fairbanks - *Fairbanks Daily News Miner (December 1, 2010)* An invasive aquatic plant named *Elodea Canadensis*, has been found in Chena Slough and the Chena River by U.S. Forest Service. How it got there is uncertain, but it's "almost guaranteed" that someone dumped it into the slough from an aquarium sometime in the past 10 years. [Read Story](#)

Alaska Climate Events Map, Weekly Updates – *ANTHC (November 30, 2010)* Ice Storm Impact, Avalanche Hazard, Record November Rainfall, Fall Breakup on the Kuskokwim. [See Our Google Map](#)

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