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Climate change is reducing water security in Noatak, Alaska *June 2011* Noatak is a community of about 500 residents located on the west bank of the Noatak River, about 55 miles north of Kotzebue. In this new report by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, a broad range of health impacts are described including damage to water and sanitation infrastructure and rising concerns about food security due to high costs, transportation challenges, and changes in subsistence harvest. [Center for Climate and Health](#)

New report details trends in Alaska plane crashes *June 30, 2011* In Alaska, an average of five fatal occupational crashes and eight fatalities occurred each year between 2000 and 2010, according to a [new study](#) by the CDC. Most of the crashes were due to weather, loss of aircraft control, or failure to maintain clearance. The number of crashes has declined since the 1990s. [Alaska Dispatch](#)

Farm animal disease to increase with climate change *June 29, 2011* More than 80,000 outbreaks of bluetongue, a disease of sheep and cattle, were reported in Europe between 1998 and 2010. Millions of animals died of the disease. Bluetongue was previously restricted to Africa and Asia, but it's emergence in Europe is linked to increased temperatures that allow virus carrying insects to spread. [ScienceDaily](#)

More concerted action on climate from medical community *June 7, 2011* As science points to troubling health consequences of climate change, the American Medical Association and other health organizations are bracing themselves. Policy experts say a growing awareness of the public health / climate linkage could be key in breaking through political logjams impeding action of mitigation and adaptation. [Yale Forum](#)

Alaska Climate Events Map – Visit our [Google Map](#) to see and read about the wildfires, algae blooms, salmon fishery closures and other incidents that have occurred around Alaska during the past month.

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