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**PEJ News** - Most of Siberia is a frozen peat bog the size of France and Germany combined. For the first time since the ice age, it is melting, release billions of tonnes of methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere. The result could be a runaway increase in global warming.

For the complete story, go to:

[www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,,1546797,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,,1546797,00.html)

Additional scientific background is available at:

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