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World Nears Heat Record

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You thought Moscow's summer was hot?

After eight months, 2010 is tied with 1998 for the record as the world's hottest year, with the planet's average temperature for January to August being 14.7 Celsius, U.S. scientists said Wednesday.

While 1998 was the hottest year through the first eight months, 2005 is the hottest year on record for the full year, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said.

Central Russia suffered its hottest weather in 130 years in July and August, Russian meteorologists said. Moscow set a new daily temperature record of 38.2 degrees Celsius on July 29.

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