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00:00:00,040 --> 00:00:04,070

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00:00:04,090 --> 00:00:08,110

It's the new normal for Arctic sea ice.

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00:00:08,130 --> 00:00:12,160

The sea ice pack on the top of the world is nearing its summer minimum.

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00:00:12,180 --> 00:00:16,260

And while it probably won't set a new record this year,

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00:00:16,280 --> 00:00:20,370

summer ice still covers much less ocean than decades ago.

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00:00:24,460 --> 00:00:28,540

[ice crunching]

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00:00:28,610 --> 00:00:32,760

The ice is also thinner and younger on average.

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00:00:37,000 --> 00:00:41,060

For the first time this summer, NASA's Operation IceBridge flew a series of flights over the ice,

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00:00:49,410 --> 00:00:53,570

measuring the thickness of the ice and the depth of melt ponds on the ice surface.