Bigger Demand Losses
Weaker Cold Period and Late Breakdown

**Double Whammy.** Not only did the late 11-15 day colder pattern weakening move forward over the past 24 hours, but the cold period itself also weakened on the various models. This double hit reduced both the colder American and warmer European by about twenty heating degree days since yesterday morning. There is still concern that the cold period itself could verify stronger than expected—something that happened last year once we got inside it and realized factors like snow cover feedback and more potent high pressure systems. However, the weakening/breakdown of the pattern toward the end of the run is still a more valid concern suggesting more variability into the third week of December. The European ensemble this morning does not completely flip the pattern though as it maintains a West Coast gatekeeper ridge—this could actually prevent a stronger blowtorch warm-up from arriving even though the colder East gradually weakens.

**Weather Model Landscape: 2-Meter Temperature Anomalies**

Still cold-prevailing Eastern pattern for both periods, but intensities net weaker

**Upcoming Updates**

Navigating the Variability  
Winter Scorecard  
Pattern Challenges