



## Success Story - Canadian National Railway

### Here is What One of Our Many Satisfied Clients Has to Say:

*"WeatherData's expertise and information protocol played a significant role in ensuring employee safety and customer service."*

**Daryl Duquette**  
Manager  
Rail America

Canadian National Railway (CN), Canada's largest freight railroad, provides transportation and intermodal service throughout North America. CN depends on WeatherData® for their weather risk management services. As a result, WeatherData monitors over 11,444 miles of CN track for specific weather hazards, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, flash flooding, ice, snow, extreme temperatures and high winds.

### The Story

**Sunday, November 6, 2005 | Northern Illinois**

**10:57 p.m.** – WeatherData's meteorologists issued a **wind warning for westerly wind gusts up to 65 mph**, valid 11:05 p.m. until 11:35 p.m., for portions of CN track. The **National Weather Service (NWS) did not issue any warnings.**

**11:25 p.m.** – Local Storm Reports revealed an 18" diameter tree had blown down on a garage and there were **downed power lines in Tuscola, IL due to high winds.** Tuscola was within the area for which WeatherData meteorologists sent the warning.

Since CN partnered with WeatherData, they were aware of the high winds and were able to alter their route and/or stop their trains, if needed, until the winds had passed. By relying on WeatherData's expert meteorologists to let them know exactly when and where the high winds would occur, they were able to protect their freight and alter their route effectively to avoid a blow over and/or derailment.

### Benefits and Impact of Using WeatherData

#### Accurate Weather Warnings 24/7/365.

Had CN relied upon the National Weather Service, or private sector "repackagers" of NWS data, they would not have been informed of the high winds. Therefore, CN would not have been able to alter their route to prevent stopped trains due to downed power lines or freight damage due to high winds. WeatherData clients save time and money by receiving accurate, timely forecasts and not encountering "surprise" weather hazards as could have occurred in this illustration. Our meteorologists watch their sites 24/7/365 and provide them with accurate, timely warnings.

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