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Midnight Tornado in Georgia



Tornadoes at night are especially deadly. Arriving under the cloak of darkness, they can devastate a sleeping community when it is most vulnerable. It is critical to have an effective warning system that is vigilant *24 hours a day*.

That's why Caterpillar® turned to WeatherData Services, Inc., an AccuWeather Company, to provide its SkyGuard® warning and risk mitigation service.

At 12:45am February 19, 2009, WeatherData issued a tornado warning for the Caterpillar facility in Thomasville, Georgia, valid from 1am until 1:25am. At 1:05am, a tornado swept through the area damaging buildings and causing electrical outages so severe repair crews had to be called from as far as Tallahassee, Florida. The tornado passed within 1.5 miles of the Caterpillar plant.

Governmental sources did not issue a tornado warning for the area until 12:56am, less than ten minutes before the tornado arrived.

This isn't the first time WeatherData has come through for Caterpillar.

One year earlier, February 5, 2008, WeatherData warned the Caterpillar facility in Oxford, Mississippi, of an approaching tornado. Eighty people were moved to safety before the plant was destroyed. In that case, the government did not issue a tornado warning until *after* the tornado struck the plant. This incident was cited as a textbook case of disaster planning and recovery in a *Wall Street Journal* article published May 19, 2008.



Not only does SkyGuard ensure the safety of your people and facilities, *it saves you money* by eliminating unnecessary shutdowns due to overly broad storm warnings from other sources.



Now, more than ever, SkyGuard is an essential tool for your business.


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