Kansas City Southern’s Trains Were Kept Safe During Joplin Tornado

Since 1991, Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) has partnered with AccuWeather to provide track-specific weather risk mitigation warnings to keep its trains and people out of harm’s way.

That partnership paid huge dividends on Sunday, May 22, 2011 when a violent and extremely large tornado crossed the KCS track as it made its way across Joplin, Missouri.

AccuWeather was the first to warn the Joplin area of the tornado. Its warning to KCS went out at 5:16pm, valid from 5:20pm to 6:05pm CDT. As the two graphics indicate, the tornado crossed the track at approximately 5:46pm, thirty minutes after the warning was issued.

KCS partners with AccuWeather because of our twenty year history of accurate, timely, and actionable warnings that are tailored to their specific business requirements.

We can do the same for you. Please call us today. The next storm may already be on the way.