

• CASE STUDY • EF5 TORNADO

AccuWeather Exclusively Provides the Most Advance Notice of a **Deadly EF5 Tornado** in North Dakota

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Residents sort through debris after the EF5 tornado that struck Enderlin, North Dakota.

AccuWeather Expert Storm Warning Meteorologists exclusively provided 36 hours of valuable advance notice before an EF5 tornado touched down in Enderlin, North Dakota, with winds greater than 210 mph.

AccuWeather provided 36 hours of advance notice of severe storms and high winds heading to southern North Dakota — ahead of the National Weather Service (NWS) and all other known sources.

“Our forecast highlighted severe thunderstorms across the area with wind gusts of more than 75 mph and the potential for tornadoes 36 hours in advance,” said Guy Pearson, AccuWeather’s Director of Weather Warning Services.

- One AccuWeather client, a major railroad company, was able to stop all trains in the area before destructive winds occurred, thanks to AccuWeather’s advance warning.
- The tornado was classified as a monster EF5 — the highest rating possible. It killed three people, was more than a mile wide, and left a massive scar visible on satellite images.
- Though one train was toppled, the damage would likely have been far worse if the train had been moving.

We’re providing the forecasts and warnings to keep people as safe as possible.

— Guy Pearson, Director of Weather Warning Services, AccuWeather

BY THE NUMBERS

36 hours

Advance notice

Exclusive AccuWeather lead time before the tornado touched down.

7 hours

Earlier than the NWS

The NWS warning of severe weather came seven hours later than AccuWeather.

210+ mph

EF5 tornado winds

More than a mile wide — the highest rating possible.

Study after study has shown that AccuWeather provides more accurate, and often earlier, notifications with greater detail on significant and extreme weather events that affect businesses and threaten the health, welfare and lives of individuals. AccuWeather has proven to be the most trusted and most accurate source of weather forecasts and warnings.

This is another example of the more than 100 events every year in which AccuWeather forecasts with proven **Superior Accuracy**™ and clearer descriptions of weather impacts help people, communities and businesses better prepare and stay safer.

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