SAMPLE REPORT

# SITE-SPECIFIC HAIL & WIND ANALYSIS



PREPARED FOR:

# **Beneficial Insurance**

Attn: Jeff Marker

June 22, 2010

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Case Reference: Grant / 10-100-6228

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### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Report Completion Date: June 22, 2010

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Date of Incident / Loss: June 6, 2010

Time of Incident / Loss: Unknown

Location of Loss / Incident: 17 Thyme Drive, Rockford, IL 61114

Type of Incident: Hail

Scope: Site Specific Hail & Wind Analysis

### **ABSTRACT**

Beneficial Insurance has requested that CompuWeather's Forensic Meteorologists perform a site specific hail analysis for June 6, 2010 in the vicinity of 17 Thyme Drive, Rockford, IL 61114. CompuWeather researched all the available weather data from approved sources for the surrounding area, analyzed the information and interpreted the conditions that took place for the requested location during the period requested.

CompuWeather has determined that small hail of 0.75 inch or less likely occurred on June 6, 2010 (date of the incident), in the vicinity of 17 Thyme Drive, Rockford, IL 61114 (site of the incident). In addition, wind gusts of 45-55 mph likely occurred.

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This report is derived by analyzing information from various sources, including the National Weather Service (NWS), the Storm Prediction Center (SPC) and the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), Internet feeds, video feeds, and other sources. The data compiled represents the best approximation of hail for the date and time of the analysis. Actual storm report plots are derived from the latitude and longitude received from the NWS and SPC and may not be the exact location of the damage reported. Our research team has examined all available sources to ensure the accuracy of the report; however, we cannot be responsible for malfunctions or inaccurate data received from the NWS or NCDC. When applicable, a report may be repositioned to the exact location when an exact location of the report can be determined. There are no implied guarantees of any damage caused by hail or storms we analyze and report on. Storm reports plotted in our reports are based on site specific field submissions and may not represent the average or largest hail that occurred in the vicinity.

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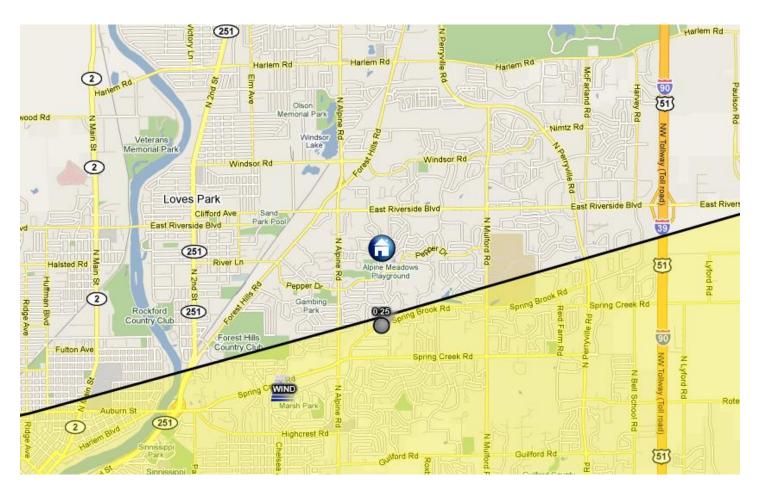


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#### **EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

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Estimated Event Start Time: 6:20 AM CDT Estimated Event End Time: 6:35 AM CDT

A thunderstorm with hail up to 1.00 inch moved through parts of Rockford, IL on April 6, 2010 between 6:20 AM and 6:35 AM local time. The largest hail from this storm fell just south of the address (17 Thyme Drive, Rockford, IL 61114). While the address was located close to the >0.75-inch hail contour, hail larger than 0.75 inch likely did not occur at 17 Thyme Drive, Rockford, IL 61114. Instead, the address was likely impacted by hail equal to or less than 0.75 inch.

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### WIND ANALYSIS

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A thunderstorm brought heavy rain, hail and gusty winds to 17 Thyme Drive, Rockford, IL 61114 between 6:20 AM and 6:35 AM. During this storm, peak wind gusts of approximately 45-55 mph likely occurred. In addition, there was a National Weather Service local storm report of trees blown down in the vicinity. The direction of this wind was west to west-southwest.

Otherwise, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the wind was light and variable prior to the storms, then it was generally west to west-northwest at 9-15 mph for the remainder of the day, with occasional gusts to 20-25 mph during the afternoon.

Peak Wind	June 6, 2010
Direction:	West / West-Southwest
Gust Speed:	45-55 mph

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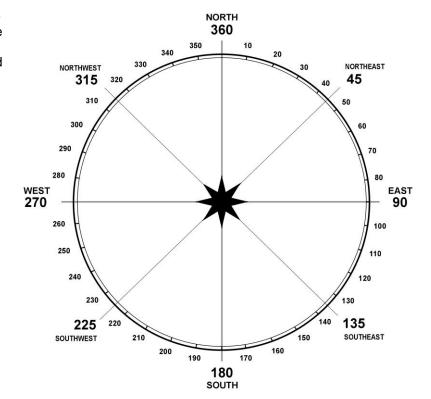


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Speed (mph)	Description	Effects
Less 1	Calm	Smoke rises vertically
1-3	Light Air	Smoke drift shows direction of wind, but wind vanes do not
4-7	Light Breeze	Wind vanes move; Leaves rustle; You can feel wind on the face
8-12	Gentle Breeze	Leaves and small twigs move constantly; Small, light flags are extended
13-18	Moderate Breeze	Wind lifts dust and loose paper; Small branches move
19-24	Fresh Breeze	Small trees with leaves begin to move
25-31	Strong Breeze	Large branches move; Telegraph wires whistle; Hard to hold umbrellas
32-38	Near Gale	Whole trees move; Resistance felt walking into wind
39-46	Gale	Twigs and small branches break off trees; Difficult to walk
47-54	Strong Gale	Slight structural damage
55-63	Storm	Trees broken or uprooted; Considerable structural damage
64-73	Violent Storm	Seldom experienced inland; Considerable structural damage
>74	Hurricane	Widespread damage. Very rarely experienced on land.

The wind direction on the compass diagram (below) indicates the direction and their approximate degree equivalents (degrees from true north (360°)). Wind Direction indicates the direction from which the wind is blowing. In other words, if the wind direction is "S (180°)", the wind is from the south (blowing towards the north).

# Approximate Wind Direction and Degrees° equivalents:

N	350° - 10° (350, 360, 10)
NNE	20° - 30°
NE	40° - 50°
ENE	60° - 70°
E	80° – 100°
ESE	110° – 120°
SE	130° – 140°
SSE	150° – 160°
S	170° – 190°
SSW	200° – 210°
SW	220° – 230°
WSW	240° – 250°
W	260° – 280°
WNW	290° – 300°
NW	310° – 320°
NNW	330° – 340°





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