

Spinning Snow Swirls Cause Travel Hazards Around Lake Erie



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CLEVELAND, Dec. 2 – Mesovortices, or spinning swirls of snow, formed over Lake Erie late this morning following a winter storm, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Cleveland reported.

These twisting snow bands occur when winds converge over the lake, creating multiple small vortices in what is usually a solid band of snow. While visually striking, the mesovortices can

produce localized hazardous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

The NWS cautioned that as these snow swirls move inland near Cleveland this afternoon, they are expected to deposit one to two inches of snow in spots and significantly reduce visibility. Motorists are advised to exercise caution, slow down, and maintain safe distances.

Despite their swirling appearance, the snow bands are not expected to bring major accumulations or widespread disruptions. Weather officials continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates if conditions change.

Residents are urged to stay informed through NWS alerts and to plan extra travel time during the afternoon as these localized snow swirls pass through the area.

Source: National Weather Service, Cleveland.