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00:00:05,670 --> 00:00:03,510  
looking at severe weather event after

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00:00:09,350 --> 00:00:05,680  
severe weather event we found it to be

3  
00:00:11,190 --> 00:00:09,360  
important to study cloud tops

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00:00:13,910 --> 00:00:11,200  
using this latest generation satellite

5  
00:00:15,589 --> 00:00:13,920  
technology we have found these clouds

6  
00:00:16,630 --> 00:00:15,599  
that are a bit odd and look a bit

7  
00:00:18,870 --> 00:00:16,640  
unusual

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00:00:21,109 --> 00:00:18,880  
it looks a bit like smoke and it also

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00:00:24,150 --> 00:00:21,119  
has a very warm appearance

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00:00:27,349 --> 00:00:24,160  
when you look at storms that produce the

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00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:27,359  
really damaging tornadoes and large hail

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00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:29,760  
you're taking very unstable air hot and

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00:00:34,389 --> 00:00:32,320

humid air near to the ground and raising

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00:00:37,110 --> 00:00:34,399

it up into the upper atmosphere very

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00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:37,120

very fast and then it hits the layer of

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:38,480

the atmosphere above called the

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00:00:43,350 --> 00:00:40,559

stratosphere

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00:00:45,590 --> 00:00:43,360

clouds that are especially strong eject

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00:00:47,990 --> 00:00:45,600

into the stratosphere it's like a smoke

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00:00:49,430 --> 00:00:48,000

plume emerging from those bubbling

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00:00:51,590 --> 00:00:49,440

updrafts

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00:00:53,590 --> 00:00:51,600

and because the stratosphere is warmer

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00:00:55,110 --> 00:00:53,600

you can see this pattern

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00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:55,120

one of the most exciting things that we

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00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:58,079

found in this research is that over 85

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00:01:03,189 --> 00:01:00,640

of the really damaging storms produce

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00:01:05,670 --> 00:01:03,199

this kind of smoke-like plume and also

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00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:05,680

this plume pattern tends to occur about

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00:01:09,990 --> 00:01:07,920

30 minutes prior to when the severe

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00:01:12,230 --> 00:01:10,000

weather events are happening and so this

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00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:12,240

is especially valuable for the public at

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00:01:17,190 --> 00:01:14,960

large a forecaster can instantly see

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00:01:18,390 --> 00:01:17,200

this pattern when it emerges in a cloud

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00:01:20,230 --> 00:01:18,400

and they're going to be able to issue

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00:01:22,789 --> 00:01:20,240

warnings faster and tell people to take

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00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:22,799

cover or get their belongings inside

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00:01:27,109 --> 00:01:24,880

satellites observe everywhere all the

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00:01:29,109 --> 00:01:27,119

time so being able to do something that

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:29,119

helps warning just from a satellite