

Quick-hitting storm tears roof off N.J. manufacturing facility

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The quick-hitting storm that generated powerful winds Sunday night not only <u>damaged a Neptune hotel</u>, but also tore the roof of a Trenton manufacturing facility.

Stone Tech Fabrication, located on Route 1, was left with a part of its roof missing, exotic marble and granite slabs destroyed and lots of debris, the company said.

Nobody was injured during the storm and the company said it was in the process of assessing the damage and evaluating the complete impact of the storm.

"The storm formed so quickly and unexpectedly, we are lucky it hit at a time where our facility was not in operation," Dino Vogia, president of Stone Tech Fabrication, said in a statement.

"Our goal is to continue our installation business as usual, but unfortunately we will have to delay our showroom visits for a few days until our facility is cleaned and restored to offer customers a safe place to shop once again," said John Condon, COO of the company.

National Weather Service meteorologist Alex Staarmann told NJ Advance Media Monday <u>straight line winds were to blame</u> for the damage across the state Sunday night.

Straight line winds are a strong surge of winds that descend from the atmosphere that are all blowing in "generally the same direction."

There was early speculation that a tornado may have caused the damage to America's Best Value Inn in Neptune Township, but meteorologists said that was not the case and the damage patterns were more consistent with straight line winds.



