



GLOBAL DISASTER SOLUTIONS

RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

LOSS EVENT: TORNADO DAMAGE



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

After a tornado devastated the area, a large distribution center in Florida was left with extensive damage to the roof and framing system, leaving the facility and all its products exposed to natural elements. Cotton arrived on site soon after the event and found that the entire western portion of the building (500,000 sqft.) was covered in three inches of water. Cotton crews were tasked with emergency mitigation services including restoration and construction, all while keeping the facility 100% operational throughout the entire process.

The first thing Cotton did was make the worksite safe for everyone, including the client's personnel and Cotton's emergency restoration and construction crews. From a restoration perspective, this included extracting the water and preventing further water damage. Construction crews then installed shoring to support the building before they began removing and replacing the damaged framing and roofing systems. Within the six months, the area experienced up to 21 weather events that resulted in water intrusion but, thanks to Cotton's ability to track weather and stage emergency mitigation and restoration ahead of incoming events, the client's distribution center remained operational.

THE **COTTON** DIFFERENTIATOR

- Distribution center **NEVER LOST OPERATIONAL PRODUCTION**
- Saved client **MILLIONS OF DOLLARS** in potential lost revenue and business interruption
- Tracked and **ALERTED THE CLIENT OF INCOMING WEATHER EVENTS** to stage assets for emergency mitigation and restoration
- Cotton personnel **WORKED 24/7**, in conjunction with the client, to repair damage as quickly as possible

TURNKEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Successfully stabilized the environment
- Manipulated existing content to protect business interruption
- Identified areas of the building that were safety concerns
- Installed shoring wherever needed to allow access for Cotton crews and client's personnel
- Safely removed and relocated hundreds of wet pallets from 70 ft. racks with clamp forklift
- Removed and replaced 150 ft. steel supports
- Built a suspended working platform complete with TPO, water-proofing, and containment walls to help prevent water intrusion when large parts of the roof were removed
- Damaged steel and roof demolition
- Crane services
- Complete turnkey reconstruction
- Monitored and tracked weather that could impact the restoration and construction progress
- Maintained leaks throughout the warehouse
- Created tunnels for safe, easy access between aisles
- Inspected and moved damaged products
- Day and Night crews patrolled aisles for possible falling debris
- Provided client's personnel the opportunity to return to work the same day with no interruptions
- Cleared trash and debris from the parking lot and exterior areas of the building
- Fueled generators and heavy equipment for outdoor demo work

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