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Subject: Bizarre weather warning

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SW Ohio is currently under a "cold air funnel" alert. I have never heard of such a thing. From NOAA: "AT 110 PM THE MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORTED A FUNNELCLOUD NORTH OF ROCKFORD IN MERCER COUNTY...OHIO. ANOTHER FUNNEL CLOUD WAS SIGHTED WEST OF URBANA IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY....OHIO. CONDITIONS WILL REMAIN FAVORABLE FOR COLD AIR FUNNELS THISAFTERNOON AS AN UPPER LEVEL LOW MOVES SLOWLY EAST ALONG THE OHIO RIVER. NEAR THE CENTER OF THE LOW...COLD AIR ALOFT WILL ALLOW FOR AN UNSTABLE ATMOSPHERE...AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNNELCLOUDS. THE MOST LIKELY AREA FOR COLD AIR FUNNELS THISAFTERNOON WILL BE ACROSS MUCH OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY...SOUTHEAST INDIANA...AND SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL OHIO. COLD AIR FUNNELS ARE NOT TYPICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THUNDERSTORMS. THEY USUALLY FORM WITHIN SHOWERS IN THE VICINITY OF COLD AIR ALOFT. THESE FUNNELS RARELY TOUCH THE GROUND. HOWEVER...IF A FUNNEL DOES REACH THE SURFACE...IT CAN PRODUCE DAMAGE SIMILAR TO A WEAK TORNADO."

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Subject: Re: Bizarre weather warning

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We get little "micro-twisters" in Oklahoma all the time, in addition, of course, to the real thing. I wonder if the NOAA report for Ohio describes a similar phenomenon. I guess it's all about convection and turbulence and what-not.