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Great Lakes Region - Terre Haute ATCT  
Great Lakes Region Audio Transcript (4:59)  
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Pilot

"Terre Haute Tower, Skylane 869JR"

Kmetz

"Skylane 869JR, Hulman Tower"

Pilot

"Yes, I was trying to get the approach with no luck. I'm at 4,000 here [inaudible] and we're picking up some icing and I was wondering if I could go a little lower?"

Kmetz

"N9JR descend and maintain 2,200. That's as low as I can take you from my vectoring altitude."

Pilot

"2,200, 9JR, going down"

Kmetz

"N9JR check you altitude. Altitude indicates 1,700."

"N9JR altitude indicates 1,600."

"N9JR Hulman"

"N9JR if you hear Hulman approach, fly heading 090, these vectors are to the ILS."

"N9JR altitude indicates 1,200. Climb and maintain 2,200."

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Pilot

"[Inaudible] I'm in the clear. I can see the ground."

Kmetz

"Ok sir, ok, can you maintain visual contact with the ground?"

Pilot

"I am. Vector me to the airport."

Kmetz

"Ok sir, vectors, I don't know if I can give you vectors, because there are terrain clearances. Maintain visual contact with the ground, fly heading 050, that's vectors to the airport. You're at 1,100 feet."

Pilot

"1,100 and I'm going to 050, 9JR."

"050 now, 9JR"

Kmetz

"N9JR, just to give you an idea of what's around that area, there's a hospital up to the north of that area, right ahead of you there may be some higher towers near the top of the hospital. You should be coming up on a school and a gas station just ahead of you. Just continue inbound."

Pilot

"9JR, looking for, looking for the markings."

Kmetz

"Yes sir, are you, are you in VFR conditions now?"

Pilot

"Yes, we can just barely see the ground. We're breaking out here as we come along."

Kmetz

"Ok sir, navigation is your responsibility here or climb and maintain 2,200. I don't know what type of obstacles are out there."

Pilot

"9JR, I can see the ground here now and we're going back to 050. We're over some farm fields. I don't know how far we are from the airport though."

Kmetz

"You are about five miles from the airport. Just fly heading 050. You should be picking it up visually very soon. Watch for towers."

Pilot

"We'll be watching, 9JR. We're at 1,100."

"Ok, I'm right over like a racetrack or something here."

Kmetz

"Ok, that would be, is there a mall just to the north of you?"

Pilot

"I can't see it at this point. Yes, I see a little mall. There's a main road here too. That's part of 41 I suppose."

Kmetz

"You're going over US 41 and just continue inbound. That there will be an east-west interstate highway. If you get to that highway, follow that highway to the airport. We are about 2-3 miles to the east of you now."

Pilot

"I can see the interstate coming right through here. I'll follow that out east, right?"

Kmetz

"Follow that to the right. We have the rabbits and the lights on full. There are towers in the vicinity of that interstate, I don't know how high they are. They are radio towers just for like companies."

Pilot

"I spot one on top of a building here. Ok, we're following the interstate here and heading now on a heading of about 070."

Kmetz

"Ok then, the airport will be about a mile and a half ahead of you on your left. You should be seeing the rabbits very soon."

Pilot

"9JR we're looking"

Kmetz

"If you see an intersection, just look to the left of that intersection, there's a McDonald's there, we are east of the McDonald's, north of the intersection."

Pilot

"I still don't see any of the approach lights, but we're still coming right down there, down the highway."

Kmetz

"Ok sir, just continue in. You're about to cross over the extended center line of the runway in about half a mile and the airport will be about a 050 bearing off of you."

Pilot

"Ok, I still don't see the approach lights, but we'll keep looking."

Kmetz

"Ok, just keep coming. We're about a mile from you now, just ahead and slightly to your left."

Pilot

"Ok, we're looking."

Kmetz

"You're pretty close to the runway threshold now."

Pilot

"Negative, I have no, oh yes, I see it now. Thank you, we're coming in."

Kmetz

"9JR, Runway 5 cleared to land."

Pilot

"9JR I have the airport in sight and for Runway 5."

Kmetz

"Just remain on this frequency, Runway 5 cleared to land."

Pilot

"Cleared to land, 9JR."

Kmetz

"N9JR, you are in sight, no need to answer. Runway 5 cleared to land."

Pilot

"Cleared to land, 9JR"

"We got some, we got some problems here."

Kmetz

"Do you need equipment? N9JR do you need equipment?"

Pilot

"Yes, I need some equipment."

Kmetz

"N9JR crash fire rescue equipment is on its way."

"N9JR tower"

"Rescue vehicle on Bravo you monitor? Rescue vehicle on Bravo you monitor?"

Rescue Vehicle

"Rescue 4"

Kmetz

"Ok sir, he's on the runway, you can proceed down Runway 5. It appears the pilots have departed the aircraft and are out on the runway at this time."

Rescue Vehicle

"Rescue 4, thank you."