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Subject: Announcing Four Partner Webinars on the Planned Major Change to
NWS' Hazard Messaging Headlines in May 2021

On March 4, 2021, NWS announced a decision to make major changes to the
Watch, Warning and Advisory (WWA) system. The announcement is at this
link:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf2/pns21-12_haz_simp_headlines.pdf

At the core of the decision is the removal of all WWA-based Advisory
headlines and Special Weather Statements in favor of plain language
headlines that clearly articulate the nature of the hazard.

As a follow on to this announcement, all NWS partners are invited to
attend one of the upcoming webinars to provide feedback on a proposed set
of options as to exactly how this plain language should be designed and
structured.

There will be four interactive webinars to choose from, each of which will
cover the same material:

May 5, 2021, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM EDT:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6339927396430575886>

May 6, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6602757954469538831>

May 12, 2021, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/590013746790456079>

May 19, 2021, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM EDT:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5065648395420104975>

The exact language to be used in the plain language headlines is still to
be determined and will be heavily based on user feedback. Accordingly,
these webinars will feature a minimum of presentation, with the majority
of time dedicated to answering questions and engaging discussion.

For more information on the Haz Simp Project, please visit:

www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/

Questions can be sent to:

hazsimp@noaa.gov

National Public Information Statements are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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