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

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](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/](http://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/)

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