

Hazard Simplification (HazSimp) Public Survey

The National Weather Service (NWS) is soliciting comments on the display of future plain language headlines to replace the current “Advisory” products. The survey is open through **June 16, 2023**.

The NWS will be implementing changes to its hazard messaging headlines no earlier than calendar year 2025 and is collecting public comment on changes to display options through June 16, 2023. The NWS “Advisory” and “Special Weather Statements” headlines will be replaced by plain language headlines. This new plain language product will be in a bulleted “What, Where, When, Impacts” format. These messages are also equipped with computer-readable Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) mainly impacting media and other message distribution agencies.

The transition to plain language necessitates changes to the national map of active alerts and the local forecast pages. As such, the NWS is currently exploring a set of options for these displays that include proposed adjustments to the colors and wording.

A survey is available at the following link and will remain open: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HazSimp23>

Additional details on the change may be found on the project website: <https://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/>

Questions and comments should be directed to the NWS Hazard Simplification Team at: hazsimp@noaa.gov.