

## Standardized Phrasing to Convey Expected Event-Specific Hazards Within Simplified Winter Weather Warnings/Advisories Products

1. VTEC Coding and header information remains unchanged except for elimination of VTEC codes BS, HS, IP, LB, SB, SN
2. Headlines will follow new policy contained in this SCN.
3. First line of text in message body will contain the following standard phrasing:

The National Weather Service in **WFOLocation** has issued a **EVENTPHRASE** for **EVENTTYPE**.

### **For Warnings:**

<b>EVENTPHRASE</b>	<b>EVENTTYPE (based on local warning criteria)</b>
Blizzard Warning	Blizzard conditions
Ice Storm Warning	Significant Icing
Winter Storm Warning	Heavy Snow Sleet Multiple Precipitation Type (at least one meets criteria) Any single or combination of precipitation type(s) and wind below blizzard criteria
Lake Effect Snow Warning	Heavy Lake Effect Snow Heavy Lake Effect Snow and Blowing Snow
Wind Chill Warning	Wind Chill

### **For Advisories:**

<b>EVENT PHRASE</b>	<b>EVENT TYPE</b>
Winter Weather Advisory	Snow Sleet Multiple Precipitation Type(at least one meets criteria) Any single or combination of precipitation type(s) and wind
Freezing Rain Advisory	Light Icing
Lake Effect Snow Advisory	Lake Effect Snow Lake Effect Snow and Blowing Snow
Wind Chill Advisory	Wind Chill

## Legacy Example: WS.W (Before Simplification)

CTZ005-006-NYZ067>070-090445  
/O.NEW.KOKX.HS.W.0001.080908T2200Z-080909T1000Z/  
NORTHERN FAIRFIELD-NORTHERN NEW HAVEN-ORANGE-PUTNAM-ROCKLAND-  
NORTHERN WESTCHESTER-  
INCLUDING CITIES OF...DANBURY...SHELTON...TRUMBULL...  
WATERBURY...MERIDEN...NAUGATUCK...NEWBURGH...MIDDLETOWN...  
KIRYAS JOEL...NEW WINDSOR...SCOTCHTOWN...PORT JERVIS...MONROE...  
LAKE CARMEL...MAHOPAC...PUTNAM LAKE...BREWSTER HILL...NEW CITY...  
SPRING VALLEY...NANUET...PEARL RIVER...MONSEY...STONY POINT...  
SUFFERN...OSSINING...PEEKSKILL...JEFFERSON VALLEY-YORKTOWN...  
TARREY TOWN...DOBBS FERRY...MOUNT KISCO...YORKTOWN HEIGHTS  
444 PM EDT MON SEP 8 2008

...HEAVY SNOW WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM EDT TUESDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN TESTBED HAS ISSUED A HEAVY SNOW  
WARNING...WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM EDT TUESDAY.

LIGHT SNOW WILL BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD AND HEAVY THIS  
AFTERNOON...WITH 8 TO 12 INCHES OF TOTAL SNOWFALL ACCUMULATION  
BEFORE THE SNOW ENDS LATE TONIGHT. NORTHEAST WINDS AT 15 TO 25 MPH  
WILL BECOME NORTH TONIGHT...PRODUCING SOME BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF  
SNOW.

A HEAVY SNOW WARNING MEANS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW ARE  
EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. STRONG WINDS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE. THIS WILL  
MAKE TRAVEL VERY HAZARDOUS OR IMPOSSIBLE.

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## Case 1 - First issuance of WS.W (After Simplification)

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...WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM EDT TUESDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN TESTBED HAS ISSUED A WINTER STORM  
WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW...WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM  
EDT TUESDAY.

LIGHT SNOW WILL BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD AND HEAVY THIS  
AFTERNOON... WITH 8 TO 12 INCHES OF TOTAL SNOWFALL ACCUMULATION  
BEFORE THE SNOW ENDS LATE TONIGHT. NORTHEAST WINDS AT 15 TO 25 MPH  
WILL BECOME NORTH TONIGHT...PRODUCING SOME BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF  
SNOW.]

A WINTER STORM WARNING MEANS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW...  
SLEET...AND ICE ARE EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. STRONG WINDS ARE ALSO  
POSSIBLE. THIS WILL MAKE TRAVEL VERY HAZARDOUS OR IMPOSSIBLE.

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**Case 2 – WS.W Continuation with Change in Event Type (After Simplification)**

CTZ005-006-NYZ067>070-090944  
/O.CON.KOKX.WS.W.0001.080909T0200Z-080909T1000Z/  
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...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM EDT TUESDAY...

A WINTER STORM WARNING FOR HEAVY SNOW AND SLEET REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL  
6 AM EDT TUESDAY.

HEAVY SNOW WILL MIX WITH SLEET THIS EVENING AND CONTINUE OVERNIGHT  
...WITH 8 TO 12 INCHES OF TOTAL ACCUMULATION BEFORE THE PRECIPITATION  
ENDS LATE TONIGHT. NORTHEAST WINDS AT 15 TO 25 MPH WILL BECOME NORTH  
OVERNIGHT...PRODUCING SOME BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF SNOW.

A WINTER STORM WARNING MEANS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW AND SLEET ARE  
EXPECTED OR OCCURING. STRONG WINDS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE. THIS WILL  
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**Case 3a – WS.W Continuation with No Change in Event Type, Attribution  
Line Edited (After Simplification)**

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6 AM EDT TUESDAY.

HEAVY SNOW WILL CONTINUE OVERNIGHT...WITH 8 TO 12 INCHES OF TOTAL  
ACCUMULATION BEFORE THE SNOW ENDS LATE TONIGHT. NORTHEAST WINDS  
AT 15 TO 25 MPH WILL BECOME NORTH OVERNIGHT...PRODUCING SOME  
BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF SNOW.

A WINTER STORM WARNING MEANS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW IS  
EXPECTED OR OCCURING. STRONG WINDS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE. THIS WILL  
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**Case 3b – WS.W Continuation with No Change in Event Type, Attribution Line Unedited  
(After Simplification)**

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