Using “Particularly Dangerous Situation” Wording to Improve Public Response to National Weather Service Watches and Warnings

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**Challenges:**

- **Why The Need to Enhance Public Response to Extreme Weather Conditions?**
  - Killer Tornadoes
  - Deadly Thunderstorm Winds
  - Crippling Ice Storms
  - Destructive Floods

**Solutions:**

**Examples of Where “Particularly Dangerous Situation” Wording Could Enhance Public Response**

- Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) Ice Storm Warning
  - Enhance Response
  - Stage Resources Earlier
  - Prepare for extended power outages

- Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) Severe Thunderstorm Warning
  - Enhance Response
  - Siren Activation
  - Enhance Sheltering

- Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) Flash Flood Watch
  - Enhance Response
  - Prepare for Evacuation
  - Cancel Outdoor Activities
  - Emphasize “Turn Around Don’t Drown”

- Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) wording can be applied to other watches and warnings.

References:

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