

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 203 (7/11/07)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST in Room 3246 on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, to discuss and address national and regional AWIPS issues, problems and concerns.
2. Regions In Attendance: The following regions (and other NWS organizations outside of Silver Spring) participated in the conference call: **ERH**: Joe Palko; **WRH**: Gar Nelson; **CRH**: Bill Gery; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of AWIPS OB8.1: Over the next two weeks, we are coordinating the test of the new Storm Based Warning capabilities in AWIPS OB8.1 for the Time Motion Location (TML) line within text products. This new functionality adds a new line to the warning products generated with WarnGen. We would like to have as complete of a test as possible of this functionality prior to the national deployment of the release. Beginning the week of July 9 we have requested that beta site representatives test WarnGen product generation using practice mode. On July 16, all beta sites will activate the TML line functionality for 17 WarnGen templates, and operational products issued by WarnGen using these templates will have the TML line added to the products. We have requested that beta site representatives continue to test the TML functionality using test mode after July 16.

The last beta installation of AWIPS OB8.1 is scheduled at WFO Huntsville, AL (HUN) on July 18. There is a potential issue that has delayed the start of the AWIPS Emergency Release OB7.2.1.1 beta testing. This delay may have an impact on the planned schedule for the installation at HUN if the Emergency Release DR fixes can not be provided by then, since the same code will be included as a post-install step for downloading off the DVD (ER 8.1.0.1).

We plan to conduct one additional routine Beta Teleconference call on Monday, July 16. A Lessons Learned teleconference to obtain feedback on the AWIPS OB8.1 Beta Test Phase will be conducted on the following Monday, July 23. If any individuals involved in OB8.1 Beta Testing are not available to participate in the Lessons Learned teleconference, we request that they send their feedback on what went well, what did not go as well, and any recommendations for future changes to AWIPS Major Release Beta Testing to Jamie Vavra.

b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB7.2.1.1: This is an emergency release for the GFE Tropical ETN issue/Mesocyclone Display issue. WFO Rapid City, SD (UNR) installed it on Tuesday and encountered problems and a DR was written up. All beta sites have halted installation while the problem is being investigated.

OB8.1.0.1: There are 4 DRs in this emergency release and it will be a post install step to the

OB8.1 mod note.

OB8.1.1: This maintenance release is in the works. There are 13 approved DRs so far with 20 more as candidates.

OB8.2: The Pre-Swit begins today (July 11).

OB8.3: We are close to finalizing the DRs for this release.

c. Other Software Issues: Raytheon reported that for Maintenance Release OB7.2.1, there are 4 sites that remain to install the release. They are FSLC, SPCW, WNOR, and WNOW. They must install this release before proceeding to OB8.1. Also, we are stuck at 151 sites concerning the CPSBN Server Refresh. Raytheon would like the remaining sites to complete this install as soon as possible. The FFMP Emergency Release has also been stuck at 93 sites for several weeks now.

d. Focal Point/Participants Reports, Problems and Concerns:

Central Region: We had some recent issues with the firewall on our headquarters' system and are continuing to work the problem. Also, we will look to volunteer a site to test the OB8.1 TML line test.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2007. If you know of any agenda items you wish to be discussed at this RACC, please e-mail them to Jim Stenpeck and cc Frank Lucadamo. This is to ensure that all of the appropriate WSH personnel attend this RACC to address your issues.