

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 213 (11/28/07)

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, November 28, 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**: Joshua Watson; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **NWSTC**: Jim Totusek, Heather Galan; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Timm Decker; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Beta Testing of OB8.2: The Pacific Regional Headquarters will install next week and a week later two more sites (TAR and PBZ) will install and test the final DVD. A list of products that have not been generated by the beta test sites has been compiled. We will ask some sites to generate these products in either test or practice, mode to be sure there are no problems with OB8.2. We will also send to the regional focal points the latest spreadsheets with the fixes to the open DRs, going into beta 9 or beta 10. We want feedback on whether we have missed anything.
 - b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB8.1.3 (Dam Break Emergency Release): To date, a total of 33 sites have installed this release. There was a reported LDAD related installation problem with OB8.1.3. The OB8.1.3 installation script verifies that all AWIPS servers and workstations are running before proceeding with the installation. Even though OB8.1.3 does not install any software on LDAD, the OB8.1.3 installation script verifies that the HP LDAD system is running. While installing OB8.1.3, one AWIPS system was running on the Linux LDAD system and so the OB8.1.3 would not proceed with the installation because the HP LDAD system was not running. Raytheon has corrected the OB8.1.3 installation script so that it will proceed with the installation even if the HP LDAD system is not running.

OB8.1.1: To date, a total of 150 sites have installed this maintenance release.

OB8.2: There remains only one DR that is still in development. SyAT is occurring next week and we hope to have no DRs going into this activity.

OB8.2.1: There are 15 DRs on the list for this maintenance release. The period for identifying the DRs continues until February 4, 2008.

OB8.3: The initial Pre Integration Test (PIT) installation is planned to occur on the WSH test system NHDA on November 26. Forecaster testing during the PIT phase is planned for December 11-14. The PIT phase continues until January 4. Regular deployment is expected to

begin around June 11, 2008.

OB9: A requirements baseline is being evaluated and should be issued soon.

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

Alaska Region: We are testing the beta version of OB8.2 and the generation of products under the newly implemented Alaska 4 character time zone changes. So far the testing looks good.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: When can we expect to receive the OB8.2 installation instructions? Frank Lucadamo took the action item to send these instructions out to Bill Ward. Chris Marshall of Raytheon reported that the DVD will be mailed to the regional headquarters this Friday and they should receive it by the following Monday.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: Will the LDAD fix be a post install step for OB8.1.3? The response is it will not be included in an updated mod note (see discussion on OB8.1.3 above).

NWSTC: A new LDAD training module is in place on the LMS system.

Warning Decision Training Branch: An update on the WES OB8.2 is that beta testing lasted for the past 2 weeks and the final beta version was sent out today. It will be tested for the next few days and national deployment is expected to begin by the middle of next week.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

Shannon White: We are preparing training for OB8.2 and expect to send draft documentation to the beta sites for review next week.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 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.