

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 214 (December 12, 2007)

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, December 12, 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**: Cindy Scott; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Heather Galan; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Timm Decker; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Beta Testing of OB8.2: Sites PBZ and TAR are installing today. We have already received some feedback from Pittsburgh this morning. Earlier today, we sent out the minutes from Monday's beta teleconference call. Included in the minutes is the status of the latest issues. Ben Brinkley of the NCF sent out a list of the latest open trouble tickets and there are currently four open. Two involve PBZ and two involve MFL.
 - b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases: Karen Tepera stated that nine sites have not yet installed OB8.1.1 and this maintenance release is needed before a site can install OB8.2. There are 3 sites in the Alaska Region, 3 national centers, and one site each in the Eastern, Southern, and Pacific Regions.

OB8.2: The SVR will be held tomorrow and we need any comments from the regions as soon as possible before the SVR. Deployment is expected to begin on January 3.

OB8.2.1: Eight DRs have been accepted into the release. An additional 10 DRs are on the candidate list and are in review. The period for identifying DRs continues until February 4. Regular deployment is expected to begin around next March 24.

OB8.3: Work continues as integration hand off has been completed. The Pre Integration Test (PIT) phase began with the field forecasters coming into town this week. The PIT phase continues until January 4. Regular deployment is expected to begin around next June 11.

OB9: We are finalizing the list of Outstanding DRs going into this release by the end of this week and development will begin soon.

Approximately 15 WFOs have not done the DS de-activation yet. One site (BOX) needs to install CRS Build 12. Also, John Seeger of the NCF reported that 26 sites have yet to schedule their LDAD upgrade on the Oracle calendar. Installations are planned to be completed by February 7.
 - c. Focal Point/Participants Reports, Problems and Concerns:

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We have finished the WES OB8.2 last week. It was sent out to all the WFOs, RFCs, and Regional Headquarter systems and all of these sites should receive it by the end of this week. We will have the OB8.2 training done on the FSI and EAD in the LMS next week.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

Olga Leigh-Brown: Jami Casamento will be the point of contact in OS&T for comms related issues.

Neal Dipasquale: The maintenance moratorium begins next Monday (December 17) for the holiday period and lasts through the New Year.

Sanford Garrard: The install period for OB8.2 will run from January 3 through March 31, 2008. We are negotiating with the NCF on how many installs per day that they can handle.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2008. 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.