

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 227 (June 25, 2008)

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, June 25, 2008, 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, Andy Edman, Scott Dummer; **CRH**: Bill Gery; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach; **ROC**: Christina Horvat; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;

3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:

a. Status of Implementing OB8.3 (Frank Lucadamo): Deployment began on June 16. A total of 35 systems have installed the software to date. It reportedly takes 3.5 to 4 hours to install the software.

b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Matt Kensey):

*OB8.2.1.2 (Super Res Emergency Release)*: Super Res data, that is delivered in ORPG Build 10, is being replaced by lower resolution reflectivity displays, especially noticed on the All Tilts under the Best Res menu option. Developers are checking in the code today. The correction is not in OB8.3, but will be included in the OB8.3.0.1 emergency release and OB8.3.1 maintenance release. The beta testing is planned for July 3-10. The Readiness Review is July 16 and deployment planned to begin Monday, July 21.

*OB8.3*: The Release Notes, software log output files and installation instructions have been posted. The installation media (CD and DVD) have been shipped to all sites. The regional focal points are scheduling sites at up to 8 per install day.

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*OB8.3.1*: The AWIPS Support Branch is collecting additional candidate DRs for the release. The developers are checking in the code. The period for identifying DRs continues until July 16. Regular deployment is expected to begin around September 10.

*OB9*: The PIT phase continues through June 30. Integration handoff began this week and continues through next week. This is the transition between the development phase and the integration & testing phase. Approximately 70 items discovered from last week's forecaster testing are being documented and developers will begin working on these items next week.

Regular deployment is expected to begin around January 28, 2009.

c. Status of AWIPS II (Ronla Henry): Concerning TO8, the testing by the government is winding down after about 4 months. Concerning TO9, Raytheon is finishing up and the government should receive the test procedures by the end of this week. The final delivery of the task order will occur in August with an out briefing scheduled on Sept. 4. We reviewed the proposal for TO10 and sent back comments to Raytheon. They will begin addressing the comments and update the proposal accordingly based on the hydro portion from the recent Technical Information Meeting (TIM) in Portland, OR.

We had a TIM with Raytheon at Kansas City the week of June 2. This was with the National Core Local Applications Development Team. The team is in discussions with Raytheon on how to migrate local applications to the new system.

d. Removal of TML Line from Hydro Products (Ashley Kells): Last year we added the Time Motion and Location (TML) line to WarnGen related products. Last summer we added the turn key script to all systems for the eventual turn off of the TML from all Hydro products and the stand-alone Marine Weather Statement. The original plan was to implement this before most sites received OB8.2. But this change did not happen. We worked with OS this past spring as we wanted to use the turn key script in July. During the week of June 30, a set of instructions for the turn key script will be sent to all sites for the July 1-8 time frame. We want the sites to run the scripts and disable the TML line for all hydro products and the stand-alone Marine Weather Statement.

We originally documented the changes in DR20262 for OB9. Some templates will be changed in upcoming maintenance release OB8.3.1. This week we will beta test these template changes at WFO Detroit, MI, and WFO Houston, TX. More information will be sent out by Mike Rega of the SST by the end of this week.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: There have been several instances of sites mistakenly sending out National Hurricane Center (NHC) warning products on AWIPS. In order to prevent this from happening, NWS AWIPS management has requested that this capability to mistakenly transmit NHC products be eliminated from sites that are not responsible for issuing these products. Accordingly, the SST has written and distributed a script that eliminates appropriate NHC products from the afos2awips.txt (a2a) file on all of the servers and workstations. This script has been pushed to all sites except NHCW, NHCR, NHOW, NHOR and HFO. We have been working with Mike Moss of the SST to pare down other products in the A2A file for each site.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 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.**