

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 229 (July 23, 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, July 23, 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; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Heather Galan; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig, Shannon Key, Dale Morris; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles; **NCF**: John Seeger
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Chris Marshall):

OB8.2.1.2 and OB8.3.0.1: A successful readiness review was held last Wednesday (July 16) and the NCF completed the necessary installs at the appropriate sites the next day (July 17).

OB8.3: Approximately 90 sites have installed the software.

OB8.3.1: There are currently 44 DRs as part of the load. The requirements definition phase has been completed. A forecaster from the WFO at Burlington, VT, is in town testing the GFE along with Shannon White. The SwIT continues and we are closing out the 44 DRs. The beta period begins after Labor Day with a Readiness Review scheduled for September 16 and deployment on track to begin September 24.

OB9: The pre-SwIT test phase was completed this past Friday (July 18). We are now beginning the SwIT phase. The test team completed the baseline functionality test cases. They are now closing out the DRs.
 - b. Status of AWIPS II (Robert Rood): The Deployment Transition Plan (DTP) Task Order was kicked off yesterday (July 22). Currently, TO9 remains on schedule with an out briefing planned on September 4. The delivery, planned for the delivery test, is expected in 2 weeks. On July 29, after the UFE call, there will be a WebEx variance demo of AWIPS II. The demo will last approximately 1.5 hours from 2:30 to 4PM. The second one is scheduled to occur on August 5 at the same time.
 - c. Focal Point/Participants Reports, Problems and Concerns:

NCF (John Seeger): Listed are the only sites that have not scheduled an installation time for either their AX or XT machines on the Oracle calendar of as today:

FWR - ax

GUM - ax, xt

NHCR - xt
NHCW - ax, xt
OSFW - xt
SPCW - ax, xt
WNOW - ax

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: We have some issues with the new XTs, as well as the optical mice. We have opened several Trouble Tickets and the NCF is currently looking into the issues.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: We have the TO8 training on the LMS. It is geared primarily for the ESA, ITO, and operational people. One highlight of the training is how to log into the Training Center's AWIPS system to see the TO8 configuration.

Warning Decision Training Branch: There is a significant bug in the pop up skew-T in OB8.3 with using the 64 frame all tilts. We plan on writing a DR on the issue. We are working with a pre-alpha version of OB9 and are planning our training material, as well as the WES development. We will be ready for the beta test of WES OB9 in October and will try to set up a briefing on the alpha phase to the regions if they request it.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 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.