

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 239 (January 7, 2009)

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, January 7, 2009, 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, Cindy Scott; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Heather Galan; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White; **NCF**: John Seeger;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Upcoming Releases (Matt Kensey):

OB9: A total of 24 sites have installed the beta version. There are currently 5 open DRs and 6 open Trouble Tickets in the release. The developers are working on the remaining open Trouble Tickets and DRs. The code check-in date for the final DVD is January 13. The WFO ALY (Albany, NY) will install and verify the final DVD on January 21. The System Verification Review is currently scheduled for January 30. Regular deployment is projected to begin around February 9.

The next beta teleconference call is scheduled for next Monday, January 12, at 2 pm EST.

OB9.1: The release will update the operating system from RedHat Enterprise Linux 4 (RHEL4.2) to RHEL5.2. The initial script development is expected to be completed by today. Beta begins on April 6 and deployment to all sites starts on May 11.

OB9.2: The AWIPS Support Branch is collecting candidate DRs for the release. The period for identifying DRs continues until March 11. The beta is expected to begin on June 8 with regular deployment to all sites around July 6.

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

Alaska Region: What is the latest on the NAS replacement schedules? Jim Lane responded that the schedule is on hold for a week or two, maybe even longer. A TIM will be held tomorrow to discuss issues from the beta sites. Deployment activities for the WFO systems are currently on hold.

Central Region: What is the latest on the NWRWAVES issue in OB9? Peter Wu responded that there were problems with the system date changing from 2008 to 2009. It would crash the system. The developers realized the problem and a patch was issued. We found it would also

occur when the date changes from 2009 to 2010. A DR was written and Raytheon will work on fixing the problem and it will be in a future OB9 maintenance release.

Eastern Region: We replaced our regional LX2 as a power supply went bad. The WFO at Blacksburg (RNK) has recently had massive GFE slowdowns. Several have lasted over an hour. Steps were taken on diagnosing the problems and the solution is a work in progress. Matt Kensey said that more information on solving the GFE slowdowns will be issued via e-mail shortly.

Southern 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 are proceeding through both the WES 9 and OB9 training cycle reviews. We plan on being ready to release them when the OB9 software is released for field implementation in early February.

Shannon White: The OB9 training has been updated. We will send the video training to the OB9 beta sites for their review and feedback before sending out to all sites as a final.

Jim Lane: An RC concerning the workstation memory upgrade will be coming out soon. This will allow the sites to pick and choose which workstations to increase their memory.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009. 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.