

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 242 (February 18, 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, February 18, 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: **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **ARH**: Phil Dutton; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Heather Galan; **NCF**: John Seeger;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
  - a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

*OB9*: Regular deployment began on February 9 and so far a total of 41 sites have installed it (includes the beta sites). All sites should have received the installation DVD. The Regional Focal Points are scheduling up to 10 sites per day (Monday through Thursday) on the calendar.

The ATAN for DR 20733 (WarnGen crashing) was submitted to headquarters and consequently approved. The fix for DR 20732 (radar all tilts update) was installed at all the beta sites and will be a post install step for the rest of the sites installing as part of the general deployment.

*OB9.1*: The release will update the operating system from RedHat Enterprise Linux 4 (RHEL4.2) to RHEL5.2. We are in the pre-SWIT mode. SWIT is planned to begin on February 23. Installations are being tested on the Raytheon Test system TBDW this week and TBW3 the week of March 2. Additional installations are planned for the headquarters test system NMTW on March 17. Beta begins April 6 and deployment to all sites starts on May 11.

*OB9.2*: This release is the planned maintenance release following the OB9 major release. The prerequisite is the AWIPS OB9.1 installation as per Software Mod Note 79. The initial set of DRs has been assigned to developers and they are working on checking in code. SWIT is expected to begin on May 18. Beta is expected to begin on June 8 with regular deployment to all sites around July 6.

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

Alaska Region: We installed OB9 on our headquarters' system last week and it went well. We had a few localization issues and we are dealing with them.

Central Region: (did not call in)

Eastern Region: (did not call in)

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: We are currently installing the new PXs and we have a problem with the power strips and what is plugged in and to where. What we have in our power strips does not match with what is described in the mod note diagram. Jim Lane asked that Eric mark up the diagram from the mod note and fax the proposed changes to him as soon as possible so he can make any needed changes.

Also, with the NAS installation, the cable for the DX1 and DX2 are messed up in back of the DXs. When one installs the new rails for the new NAS, then the installation of the new PXs will result in a problem with the cables. Jim Lane asked that Eric send him this new information and he will try to add it to the lessons learned for the NAS deployment documentation.

Western Region: We have heard that there are 45 AWIPS monitors on back order for sites and we've learned from the past that it can take a long time for a purchase order to come through. There is a ways to go before we get the refresh of these monitors at the end of the year. We called the NLSC and could not get any good answers. Jim Lane said that he talked to Eric Pharr of the Engineering Division and that the back order should be coming soon. He took the action to see how soon they might arrive.

GSD: (did not call in)

NWSTC: We have the TO-9 material on the LMS system. It deals mainly with purging and some utilities for a system administrator. This material will not change much for TO-10.

Warning Decision Training Branch: (did not call in)

NRC: (did not call in)

NCEP: (did not call in)

NCF: Concerning the WFO NAS replacement project, the sites will be required to return the old NAS units by April 23. The mod note tells the site to fax the notice of returning the old NAS to GTSI. James Washington would also like the sites to call the NCF informing they are returning the old NAS to GTSI in addition to the faxing action required in the mod note.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 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.**