

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 274 (May 26, 2010)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT in Room 3246 on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 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; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: Bill Gery; **ARH**: (did not call in); **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **ROC**: Mark Albertely
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Upcoming AWIPS Software Releases:

OB9.2.4 and OB9.2.5: These releases are currently being installed and all sites are expected to have the releases installed by next Tuesday, June 1.

OB9.2.6: This release was approved for deployment. Installations will be performed by the NCF starting Thursday, May 27, and will not impact site operations.

OB9.2.7: This release is to provide security updates based on the December and March scans. We began the SWIT today and the initial installation was completed on the Headquarter's test system NMTW today. The installation includes a DVD and a mod note. The readiness review is planned for June 14. Deployment is projected to start on July 12.

OB9.2.8: This release contains 6 DRs. The SWIT is projected to begin on June 14. The release is planned to be combined with OB9.2.7 with deployment projected to start July 12.
 - b. An update on the upcoming hardware: Sanford Garrard gave the group this update. We are aware of the problem with the LX workstation refresh and a solution is at hand. The issues with the DX1/DX2 refresh are being worked out at BCQ. The LAN switch replacement has been approved. We received the shipping schedules and will work up scheduling instructions shortly. We begin deployment on June 14. The DX3/DX4 refresh follows the DX1/DX2 refresh project. The next Kit Proof installation, which is planned for the WSH system NHOR, has been postponed until the week of June 7. Full deployment is currently projected to begin in late August/early September.
 - c. Focal Point/Participants Reports, Problems and Concerns:

Alaska Region: (did not call in)

Central Region: Jim Lane is in town to work on issues with the DX1/DX2 Refresh and the PowerVault Refresh at the Training Center and at BCQ.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: The SCAT system is up and running for more than 24 hours and that is worthy to mention. We did need to remove all radar data except from the Ft. Worth radar site. We are awaiting the start of the DX1/2 OT&E.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: We are working with the LAPS and MSAS migration and are waiting to hear from WSH to see if we have the latest versions to install. We have some more de-bugging to do with the LAPS.

NWSTC: (did not call in)

Warning Decision Training Branch: (did not call in)

NRC: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: (did not call in)

Sanford Garrard:

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010. 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.