

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 275 (June 9, 2010)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in Room 3246 on Wednesday, June 9, 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**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: (did not call in); **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Wes Craven; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

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

a. Status of Upcoming AWIPS Software Releases:

OB9.2.6: We have now fully deployed this release.

OB9.2.7: Beta sites are installing this week. There have been a few issues with DVD shipments that have introduced delays in installations at AFG, AJK and GGW. An installation issue was discovered in the beta installs where the script was indicating completion before all of the security patches had been installed. The issue has been corrected. The beta period is running now through June 14 and the Readiness Review will be held on June 14. Deployment is expected to start on July 12.

OB9.2.8: The SWIT is expected to begin on June 14, the beta on June 24, and the Readiness Review on July 1. The release is planned to be combined with *OB9.2.7* with deployment projected to start on July 12.

OB9.2.9: There are a total of 8 DRs contained in this release. Deployment is expected to start on August 16.

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

Alaska Region: We did the LAN switch installation last week and are getting ready for the DX1/DX2 OT&E.

Central Region: We tried to get on a fast track to get the storm track product added onto the SBN but will have to wait the full 75 days for this to happen. Otherwise, nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: (did not call in)

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: (did not call in)

NRC: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Jim Lane: We have restarted the OT&E for the LX workstations and need to get all the latest patch and proceed through the remaining 2 weeks of the OT&E before we go to full deployment. For the DX1/DX2 Powervault refresh, we are moving forward and have several headquarters' systems installed including one at the Training Center and one at BCQ. On July 13, we will install it at the first field site (the WFO/RFC at Tulsa). Then for the DX3/DX4 refresh OT&E, the schedule will be 2 weeks behind the DX1/DX2 Powervault. We are trying to meet AWIPS Migration OT&E system test requirements.

Three more projects are on tap: the CPSBN replacement, the NAS backup refresh, and the rack consolidation which includes the modem nest. These three projects are planned to go through OT&E and full deployment by the end of the calendar year.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 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.