

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 276 (June 23, 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, June 23, 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**: (did not call in); **SRH**: (did not call in); **WRH**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: (did not call in); **ARH**: Phil Dutton; **PRH**: (did not call in); **GSD**: (did not call in); **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig; **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NCF**: John Seeger;

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB9.2.7: The beta testing was completed on June 14. The security release content has been combined with the OB9.2.8 release. The new release will consist of one installation DVD and one mod note.

OB9.2.8: The beta site installations will continue through Monday. The readiness review is planned for July 1. The release will contain one installation DVD and the mod note. Sites will schedule the release on the calendar with regular deployment projected to start on July 12.

OB9.2.9: This release is in the development stage. There are 8 DRs in this release with some additional DRs being considered for the release. The SWIT is planned to begin on July 6. Deployment is projected to start on August 16.

b. Status of AWIPS Migration Activities: A FIT was held several weeks ago in Silver Spring. Approximately 100 DRs were opened from it. We ran the system as site LOT fulltime for testing purposes. There were minor issues and the stability was better. The next FIT is scheduled for the second week in July.

c. Hardware Updates: Progress is being made on the LAN switch and the mod note should be posted tomorrow. We plan on deploying next Monday, June 28. Concerning the LX workstations, we sent out the shipping list earlier this week to the regional focal points. We will send out deployment information soon and the deployment begins on July 21.

Jim Lane is at Southern Region Headquarters installing the new DX1/DX2 today through Friday. The next installation will be at Tulsa (for both the WFO and RFC) on July 13. If all goes well, we will open it up for self-install at the remaining OT&E sites. The new DX3/DX4 is coming along and we plan on installing it at BCQ next week. This project will generally follow the DX1/DX2 by 3-4 weeks later.

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

Alaska Region: Joe Rubel is out for a while and Phil Dutton is replacing him on a temporary basis. Concerning the AWIPS Migration, we will begin localization on DR11, then move to R1G1 and localize it. Our local applications migration has been temporarily stopped for the time being.

Western Region: We have some R1G1-1 stability issues and are trying to get EDEX more stable.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are trying to get the latest AWIPS I updates into the WES and get the WES build in line with AWIPS software. We are working on R1G1-1 and updating variance training for the next FIT in July.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, 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.