

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 284 (October 13, 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 10300 on Wednesday, October 13, 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**: Joshua Watson; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Mark Mollner; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other Participants: John Seeger, Art Thomas, Beraq Azeem, Jami Casamento, Kevin Woodworth, Wayne Martin, Jim Stenpeck, Frank Lucadamo;

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Chris Marshall):

OB9.2.10: All sites have installed this release.

OB9.2.11: There are some testbed issues on TBDW and TBDR which are being investigated. Regression testing will start over after the security patches are completed and those issues are resolved. We plan on installing it on NMTW on October 28, at BCQ on November 3 and at EHU on November 8. The Readiness Review will be held on January 6. The content of the OB9.2.11 and OB9.2.12 will be combined into one mod note/installation DVD with deployment projected to begin on January 24.

OB9.2.12: This release contains several GFE and RFC DRs, one WarnGen DR and one NWRWAVES DR. The SWIT is planned to begin on November 29. Deployment is projected to start on January 24.

b. Status of AWIPS SBN/NOAAPORT Expansion (Jami Casamento): We have tasked Raytheon to increase the capacity of the SBN/NOAAPORT from 10 MB/sec to 30 MB/sec. The receivers will also be upgraded during this project from DVB-S to the DVB-S2 standard. The projected time frame for upgrading the receivers to the DVB-S2 standard will take place in early 2011. The satellite space segment activation (Dual Illumination) is projected in the March – April time frame. The RC #12480 for this project is in the process of being approved and any questions relating to the SBN/NOAAPORT Expansion project should be directed to Jami Casamento. Also, Jami plans on updating the RACC group at the next few RACC call meetings.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: Site EAX is a beta site for the DX3/DX4 refresh project. They recently had a DX4 failure and had a hard time getting a replacement since the NLSC did not have any spares in stock. Will the NLSC be stocking the new DX3/DX4 hardware in the near future? The answer is yes. The group responded by stating the NLSC does not stock new hardware during an OT&E until the equipment is officially deployed.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: (did not call in)

Warning Decision Training Branch: (did not call in)

NRC: (did not call in)

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 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.