

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 293 (March 2, 2011)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST in Room 10300 on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 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**: Ulysses Davis, Andy Edman; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Todd Foisy; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Darrel Kingfield; **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other participants in room: Jim Stenpeck, Olga Brown-Leigh, Elizabeth Cooper, Shevy Green, Beraq Azeem, Jim Lane

3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Chris Marshall):

OB9.3: The readiness review that was scheduled for March 1 has been moved to March 8. There was a problem with the GFE tropical DR 21159 at site MFL. The issue is being worked on and should be checked in by this Friday and then tested at MFL next Monday. If all goes well, the Readiness Review will take place next Tuesday. This slight delay will not impact the schedules for OB9.4 and OB9.5.

OB9.4: There are now nine DRs included in this release. The SWIT will begin next Tuesday, March 8. The SWIT will last about 3 weeks and the beta test period about 2 weeks. The Readiness Review will be held on April 21 with deployment beginning on April 25.

OB9.5: This will be the last of the AWIPS I releases. It contains 7 DRs and several more are expected. It will be a DVD installation and deployment is scheduled on or about June 15 but the date could change due to upcoming AWIPS II activity.

- b. Status of the RACK Consolidation (James Lane): We are continuing to trouble shoot the modem nest issues and are working daily on it. We hope to get a solution in the next few weeks. In the meantime, the rest of the RACK consolidation OT&E is going well and the mod mote is in good shape. We may still be on target to roll out the RACK consolidation before AWIPS II is deployed.

The ADAM installations are going well with 77 sites having physically installed it on site. Thirty sites have performed localizations to some degree. We received the final documentation from Raytheon this past Friday. The auto local script has been performed at several sites. We will make sure it is available at all beta sites by next week.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: We will be finishing up the RACK consolidation this week.

Southern Region: Our AWIPS II installation went well last week. We've been asked to be a CPSBN replacement site for beta testing. The instructions say that we have to roll back to AWIPS I. Is this really necessary? Jim Lane responded that this issue will be revisited so sites do not have to roll back.

Western Region: The RACK consolidation went well.

GSD: We will complete the upgrade to OB9.2.12 tomorrow.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We continue to maintain and support the current build of WES. We plan on putting the new patches from OB9.2.11/12 into the latest WES version.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Olga Brown-Leigh: Olga introduced to the group the new NWS ITSO person, Elizabeth Cooper.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2011. If you know of any agenda items you wish to be discussed at this RACC, please e-mail them to Jim Stenpeck and cc Sanford Garrard. This is to ensure that all of the appropriate WSH personnel attend this RACC to address your issues.