

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 295 (March 30, 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 30, 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; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Eugene Petrescu; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Susan Williams; **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: Jim Stenpeck, Elizabeth Cooper, Kevin Woodworth, Chris Marshall, Art Thomas, Berry Azeem, Sanford Garrard, John Seeger

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

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

OB9.3: Field deployment began last Thursday (March 24) and to date 19 sites have installed the software.

OB9.4: We just finished the SWIT testing period and began the beta yesterday with an install at VRH. We are installing today at VUY and VHW. After that, we are placing the beta installs on hold due to the need to move DR 20841 (RUC13 - Grib2Decoder needs to distinguish diff. accum. periods for CP & LgSP) out and into the next release. We would like this install to be a push install by the NCF taking less than 15 minutes but it is not working out that way and taking much longer. The plan is install OB9.4 right after a site installs OB9.3. The readiness review is slated for April 14 and deployment should begin on April 18.

OB9.5: We are in the development phase. The check-in date is April 13. The SWIT will begin on April 14 and go to early May. The beta period will last from mid May until early June with deployment beginning on June 15.

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

Elizabeth Cooper: Ms. Cooper is the new AWIPS ITSO and was introduced to the call about a month ago. She stated on the call today that she will be contacting the regional focal points through telephone and emails, with requests for meetings and requests for information regarding how the AWIPS system is configured and managed at their respective sites.

Alaska Region: We installed beta OB9.4 and it went smoothly. We installed the HiRes Shapefiles yesterday and today. Phil Dutton is working with Bob Rood on some issues

associated with it. We upgraded the ADAM last week. We are performing the localization and it should be completed next week.

Central Region: We installed the new CPs on AWIPS II and have had problems with it since then. Most of the issues are software configuration issues and we are working through them.

Eastern Region: We are installing OB9.2.4 today. We are planning on installing the CPs next week and AWIPS II the week of April 18. We are working on issues with the ADAM. We will get some OT&E sites scheduled for the RACK Consolidation.

Pacific Region: Last week, the SBN feed from the Tsunami Center in Honolulu to Guam became unstable. Jami Casamento from the NCF worked on getting up a SBN server in Silver Spring in order to feed live data to Guam. Also, we are working with Jim Lane to get live data into our Adam.

Southern Region: Our AWIPS II machine is running with no issues. We are working with Jim Lane to get property issues with the ADAM ironed out.

Western Region: We were scheduled to install OB9.2.4 today but the NCF cancelled it and the install will be arranged at a later date. We plan on installing the ADAM R1G1-9 upgrade tomorrow.

GSD: We installed R1G1-10 on our AWIPS II the other day.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We have installed OB9.2.3. We are working on administrative support and also the WES development support for OB9.2.3 and OB9.2.4.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 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.