

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 296 (April 13, 2011)

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, April 13, 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**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Eugene Petrescu; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: (did not call in); **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other participants in room: Jim Stenpeck, James Lane, Sanford Garrard, Art Thomas, Kevin Woodworth, John Tatum

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

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

*OB9.4*: This continues to be in beta testing until April 20. We will have the final beta install at site HGX on April 19. The Readiness Review is scheduled for April 21 and deployment expected to begin on April 25.

*OB9.5*: So far there are a total of 22 DRs in this release. The DR check-in date is April 20. The SWIT will last from April 21 through May 18. The beta period is from May 19 through June 8. The Readiness Review will occur on June 9 and deployment is slated for June 22.

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

Alaska Region: We were an OB9.4 beta site and the testing went well. We have had issues with the Notification Server recently and still saw the issues after installing OB9.4. The problem appeared to be bad data files and after fixing them, the problems with the NS were solved. We have been having problems with the HiRes Shapefiles and we are working with Bob Rood on the issues.

Central Region: Earlier this week, our CPSBN2 went down and the NCF did not get a ITO alarm to go off. John Tatum took the action to pass along any information from the NCF on why they did not get an alarm to sound off at the NCF.

Eastern Region: We are preparing to install AWIPS II next week. We are planning on having the NAS batteries on the system charged up before we install it. We had a DVB unit fail but it is up and running.

Pacific Region: The LDM is running and we are looking to get a live feed for the ADAM boxes by Thursday. We are doing the CPSBN refresh next Monday and the GlobeCom guys have charged up the DVBS. Concerning the NAS batteries, we got a call from the NCF to charge up the batteries and they opened up a trouble ticket. We never got contacted by the Sun Oracle tech to coordinate a time when the tech can come out to the site to charge up the batteries. It was suggested that the region call the NCF again by the end of this week and also to send Shevy Greene an e-mail on the situation.

Southern Region: We had a problem with the NAS on this past Monday and the NCF never contacted us. Nobody could login and we had to reboot the NAS. It finally came up and we discovered it had hosed all the AWIPS 2 processors. We called the NCF and got things all resolved in due time.

We will perform the CPSBN install next week and hope that most problems seen at Central Region Headquarters have been resolved by then. Also, we had our NAS batteries re-charged at all our sites and all the DVBS have been replaced too.

Western Region: We had our NAS battery on the headquarters' system re-charged. We also did the DVB replacement. The CPSBN install is scheduled for next week. The status on the HiRes Shapefiles was asked but nobody on the call could give the latest status. The region seemed to be having problems with it. The group suggested that an e-mail be sent to Bob Rood and we will ask Bob to attend the next RACC call to give a status update and to answer any questions.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 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.**