

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 299 (May 25, 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, May 25, 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**: Cindy Scott; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: (did not call in); **ARH**: Todd Foisy, Phil Dutton; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **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); **Raytheon**: Will Leverenz; **SEC**: Ashley Kells, Ed Mandel

Other participants in room: Jim Stenpeck, Sanford Garrard, Art Thomas, Kevin Woodworth, Robert Rood

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Will Leverenz):

OB9.4.1: We are adding a special release OB9.4.1. It will contain 2 WarnGen DRs (DR21264, DR21266) and DR21268 (Install). These will need to be tested on OB9.5. The plan is to begin testing next week and then finish by June 9 for a Readiness Review.

OB9.5: There are now 23 DRs in this release. The ASM will put together a test team to look over the results from the beta testing. So far, things are going well. The Readiness Review is still on for June 9 and deployment is set for June 22.

b. Status of HiRes Shapefiles Implementation (Robert Rood): Bob emphasized to the regional focal points the need to report all problems with the implementation of the HiRes Shapefiles at the sites. Bob and Ira Graffman need to know all the issues that are arising so these problems can be fixed as soon as possible. The problems do not have to always be Trouble Tickets either. Bob and Ira will categorize and prioritize them and will contact each site an estimate of the time of completion. They will contact the affected site when the work has been completed and will post information on the Infolist on what changes were made and what sites were affected by the changes.

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

Alaska Region: We are installing OB9.5 on AWIPS I today.

Eastern Region: We installed AWIPS II yesterday. Two people from site OKX came out to assist us with the hydro apps.

Pacific Region: Jim Lane assisted us in getting a connection to our external LDM servers to feed our ADAM with live data.

Southern Region: Most of our hardware bugs have been worked out. We are currently working on some software issues and are proceeding okay. We plan on installing OB11.5 on AWIPS II tomorrow.

Western Region: About 2 weeks ago, we installed OB11.5 on our AWIPS II system. It was a lengthy install but things went well with an assist from Sean Webb. We plan on rolling back to AWIPS I tomorrow and will install OB9.5.

GSD: We installed version 11.5 on our AWIPS II system the other day and things are running better than previous loads.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Ashley Kells: We posted several local apps job sheets on the Wiki and sent out its location. There will be a Q & A session tomorrow on past material at 2:30PM and again next Tuesday (5/31) at 3PM.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 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.