

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 300 (June 8, 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, June 8, 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, Cindy Scott; **SRH**: (did not call in); **WRH**: Andy Edman; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Todd Foisy; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **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**: Chris Marshall; **OS&T**: Ashley Kells; **OCCWS**: Jason Taylor;

Other participants in room: Art Thomas, Bayou Yin, Berry Azeem, Kevin Woodworth, Bob Rood, Jim Stenpeck

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

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

OB9.4.1: Final testing occurred last week and the 3 DRs in this emergency releases were passed. The beta testing occurred at sites EAX and TSA and no problems were encountered. The Readiness Review will occur today and deployment as a NCF push release should occur next Monday, June 13.

OB9.5: We were supposed to go to Readiness Review on June 9 but there was a request to add an additional GFE DR. The schedule has been pushed out one week. Beta testing will occur at sites MOB and LIX. As soon as we get confirmation from the beta sites, we'll have a Readiness Review next Thursday on June 16. Deployment would be via a media DVD and it could begin on June 29.

- b. HiRes shapefiles Installation Status (Bob Rood): As of last Friday, 84 sites have completed the D2D activation. There are 79 sites that have completed the GFE activation. Progress is continuing with these activations and we expect that all sites will have completed them by the end of July. There are no critical problems under review or need to be fixed. Several minor problems have been recently fixed and we are awaiting responses from certain sites to verify the fixes.

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

Alaska Region: We've had some serious issues of late. First of all concerning the SBN. There was a problem at the Anchorage WFO and RFC with little data coming in. The sites had to be

backed up by other sites. A solution is in place but it is not 100 percent yet. Concerning the WAN, results in the forecast grids, etc., are not going out for ISC and GFE for a few months now. We had been working with the NCF and all the grids are now going out. It may have been a routing configuration issue as things are better. But it is a single point of failure issue and needs a better solution.

Central Region: We had a DX problem last week which we fixed. We had some EDX crashed on a system error and Kevin Johnson of the NCF was able to find the problem. A trouble ticket for a MESONET data problem was also fixed.

Eastern Region: We now have a fix for the non-purging data problem here on our headquarters' system.

Pacific Region: The WFO at Honolulu is supposed to do the RACK consolidation today. Last week we completed the CPSBN installs and sent in the comments for the mod note. The last OT&E plan for AWIPS II stated that PBP is supposed to begin testing on June 29. Is this still a valid date? The response was that it is being pushed to the week of July 11.

Western Region: We installed OB9.5 on our system. We need the ISC to get data all across the region and it is not occurring. We are working with Jim Calkins and some Raytheon people to make it work.

GSD: We have installed OB9.5. We ran into a problem with GFE and some slowdowns. We are working around it and are waiting for OB11.6 and hope it fixes the problem.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 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.