

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 305 (August 31, 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, August 31, 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**: (did not call in); **SRH**: (did not call in); **WRH**: Andy Edman; **CRH**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Eugene Petrescu; **PRH**: (did not call in); **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NCF**: Shevy Greene, John Seeger; **RTS**: Will Leverenz, Matt Howard

Other Participants: Jim Stenpeck, Sanford Garrard, Wayne Martin, Stephen McHale, Jim Lane

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

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

OB9.5.1: This was an emergency release that was sent out last week to fix some errors with hurricane products.

OB9.6: All DRs have been tested and passed from the Test Team. We have a few beta sites who have installed it this week and have a few more set to install the release next week. The beta ends on September 26 with the Readiness Review set for September 27.

b. Upgrading the Firmware on the Firewall (John Seeger): John proposed an upgrade of the firmware on the firewalls at all sites. He already had to update the firmware on the NCEP sites to version 6.2.11 and would like to do the same for all the other field sites. The current version at the sites (except the NCEP) is 6.2.2. John stated that it will take about 5 minutes per site and he will call each site for clearance prior to performing the upgrade. He would like to begin the upgrades next week. The discussion at this conference call was that it would be okay to perform and not be necessary to schedule the upgrade on the calendar.

Sanford Garrard took the action to send an email concerning this topic to all the regional focal points after this RACC since so many were unable to call in today. This was done to inform all the focal points and get their consent. [**Editor's note**: Sanford completed the action item shortly after the RACC call.]

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

Alaska Region: We installed AWIPS II last week and everything is going well so far with no

EDEX or Qpid issues. We installed version 11.8.0-5. But when you call up certain fields for some models (e.g., thickness, vorticity), CAVE crashes and this did not happen on the ADAM. Other than that, the system is stable. We moved the circuits for the CWSU ARD from regional headquarters to the Anchorage office. Concerning the new dish installs, a site survey was done last week and the region is ready to proceed with a new dish to be installed.

Western Region: We currently have version OB11.9.0-4 and we hear it works well with better experiences with the ingest stability. However, we saw some odd memory problems with the DX3 and DX4. We expect to upgrade to -5 tomorrow. We still have problems with the ISC grids and hope the upgrade helps that problem.

GSD: We are still at OB11.7. On the AWIPS I side, we have replaced 2 CPs recently. For the year, we've had 3 HP380s that have been delivered DOA.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 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.