

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 307 (September 28, 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, September 28, 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**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Todd Foisy; **PRH**: (did not call in); **GSD**: (did not call in); **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other Participants: Jim Stenpeck, Beraq Azeem, Sanford Garrard, Kevin Woodworth, James Lane, Wayne Martin, James Washington, John Seeger, Shevy Greene

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

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

OB9.6: The release was approved on this past Tuesday for general deployment. The mod note is in final routing and is planned to be released on October 6. DVD shipments are planned to be delivered to most sites on October 6 or 7. A few OCONUS sites may not get the DVD until October 11. Scheduling instruction guidance has been provided to the regional focal points. General deployment is set to begin on October 11.

OB9.7: Code development continues with the initial check-in date of October 4. SWIT is planned to begin on October 6 with installation on the HQ test system NMTW on October 7. The beta is scheduled to begin on November 1. General deployment is projected to begin November 30.

OB9.8: Release planning activities are underway. The cut-off date for identifying new DRs for this release is December 20 with deployment projected to begin on February 29.

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

Alaska Region: Last week, we hosted here at the regional headquarters an AWIPS II WarnGen/hydro template TIM. It was a success.

Central Region: We loaded OB11.8.0-9 here on our AWIPS II system. Bill will be the backup to Omaha in 2 weeks when they begin the side by side dual operations at Omaha.

Eastern Region: We upgraded our AWIPS II system to OB11.8.0-9. We had issues with the local model data coming into the system and was able to figure it out and can move forward on

some TRAC TTs for local ops migration.

Southern Region: We upgraded our AWIPS II system to -9 just this morning. We had some problems last week with LDAD and with the RRS being unable to dial in. We had to reconfigure it again. Jim Lane asked Eric to send him an e-mail concerning the problems as they have a similar issue with El Paso and we can work on both sites to assist them.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 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.