

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 309 (October 26, 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, October 26, 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**: (did not call in); **ARH**: (did not call in); **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: (did not call in); **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);

Other Participants: Sanford Garrard, Art Thomas, Berry Azeem, Kevin Woodworth, Wayne Martin, Ashley Kells, Ed Mandel, Will Leverenz

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

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

OB9.6: Deployment is in progress. We have a total of 61 sites that have installed the release as of this morning.

OB9.7: There are 14 DRs in this upcoming release. Today is the last day for the SWIT. The next install is at VRH tomorrow (October 27). The beta period begins on November 1 and lasts until November 15. The Readiness Review will be on November 16 with deployment scheduled to begin on November 30.

b. Status of AWIPS O&M (James Lane):

Text workstation replacement: We are moving closer to the pre-OT&E. All headquarters' systems will be finished with the pre OT&E by the end of December. The full OT&E will begin in mid January.

RACK consolidation: We are moving forward with no problems. We are down to the last 20 sites to complete it.

CPSBN servers: We are about 75 percent complete with these servers and the replacement printers are about 40 percent complete.

SBN expansion: The OS&T office put together a list of the high visibility type products to add to the SBN. A more complete list will be coming from the SREC as the products need to be vetted through the SREC process with the regions involved. The next SREC meeting is scheduled for October 31.

c. Status Report from the NCF (Shevy Greene): There has been talk the past few months of the NCF upgrading the ITO (HP Open View). Raytheon proceeded to purchase the hardware and software and now the hardware has arrived. We will begin to start the migration and get all sites over to the new ITO client. We will begin deploying it to all sites in the mid December time frame and to be finished by mid January. All sites including the AWIPS II sites will get it.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 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.