

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 268 (March 3, 2010)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST in Room 3246 on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 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, Craig Schmidt; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Wes Craven; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig, Darrel Kingfield; **ROC**: (did not call in); **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;

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

a. Status of Software Releases:

*OB9.2.3*: Installation is planned for the WSH test system NMTW today and Central Region Headquarters on Tuesday, March 9. Beta is planned for March 15-18 with the readiness review on March 18. Deployment is projected to start on March 22. The NCF will perform the install remotely and should not impact operations.

*OB9.2.4*: There are 3 important GFE DRs fixed in this release. Software code for the 3 DRs has been checked in. Software Integration and Test (SWIT) is projected to begin on March 18. Deployment is projected to start May 5.

b. Status of AWIPS Migration Activities: We are moving along with the TO11 activities as we got DR6 this past Monday and we are working on installing it on our headquarters' system and at Raytheon. Our next FIT will begin on this Friday and continue to next Tuesday. We will focus on stability testing of the software but will also look at localization, localization documentation, and customization.

The preliminary Readiness Review for TO11 will occur on March 10. We will go over the status of the software, the status of the government and Raytheon testing results, and the status of DRs and Fix Before System OT&E (FBSO)s, local applications, documentation, etc. In case we are not ready, the program office is drawing up some contingency plans if we cannot get all the DRs resolved by March 15.

Ashley Kells continues to work on coordinating the local applications conversion activities.

A question was asked on how do we handle missing functionality (e.g., DRs and TT/DRs) with the upcoming load? Ed Mandel stated that Jim Calkins is aware and has a process in place.

c. Severe Weather Drills: The Test Mode Control Program (TMCP) was designed only to work with the 3 warning applications and the XT. However, other programs remain in live mode and can be transmitted out.

Over this past weekend, a test LSR was inadvertently issued from a site and management was concerned over an inadvertent product release. This is not a software issue but a training issue. Kevin Woodworth and Ed Mandel stressed that everybody needs to be aware of how the test mode program is used and what programs it covers, etc. Kevin Woodworth took the action to make available to the regions the latest information on the TMCP. He will send this information to the RACC moderator for distribution to the regional focal points. [**Editor's note:** information on the TMCP was distributed to the focal points by RACC moderator on March 8.]

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

Alaska Region: On this past Saturday we monitored the tsunami warnings that were issued because of the Chile earthquake. We also downloaded DR6 and are getting ready to install it on our headquarters' system.

Central Region: We are doing SWIT testing on our headquarters' system and also had new LX boxes installed.

Eastern Region: Concerning AWIPS II, we need to get up to DR6 on our headquarters' system.

Pacific Region: We are upgrading the NOAA net circuit and will move our AWIPS to the NOAA net migration next week. We downloaded DR6 today and will install it later today.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: We downloaded DR6 today and will install it soon.

GSD: We downloaded DR6 today and will install it soon.

NWSTC: We had new switches installed and had new LX workstations on all 4 systems installed. We plan on switching over to the NOAA net on March 8.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We have mass produced new disks and are waiting for EMRS to finish up the finalization and approval process so that the 4 CD set goes out this coming Friday. We are awaiting the OB9.2.3 and OB9.2.4 for the patches and will integrate them into the WES baseline. Also, we had DR6 installed but there are problems with the LDM ingest between DR5 and DR6.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010. If you know of any agenda items you wish to be discussed at this RACC, please e-mail them to Jim Stenpeck and cc Frank Lucadamo. This is to ensure that all of the appropriate WSH personnel attend this RACC to address your issues.**