

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 201 (6/13/07)

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, June 13, 2007, 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**: Joe Palko, Joshua Watson; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Gar Nelson **ARH**: Duane Carpenter; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of OB8.1: The System Acceptance Test (SyAT) was completed today. The last beta install will be at site PDT and they will install the final version of the DVD on June 27. Beta problems and issues are being tracked at the weekly beta teleconference calls on Mondays. The System Verification Review (SVR) is scheduled for Thursday, June 28 at 2 PM EDT. Regular deployment is expected to begin on July 16. The SVR and deployment dates could slip up to 30 days, depending on the deployment decision for the GFE Tropical ETN Emergency Release.
 - b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB8.1.1 Maintenance Release: This release is expected to address items that were not able to be corrected in OB8.1 given the current time constraint, and also to fix critical issues discovered after the testing of OB8.1 concludes. We will finalize the contents of the release on August 16. Regular deployment is expected to begin on September 24 and last through early November.

OB8.2: The Pre Integration Test (PIT) is now in progress and forecasters are evaluating the software on the NHDA system this week. Software Integration and Testing is scheduled to begin on July 5. The first alpha install is scheduled for August 22 on the Raytheon test system TBDW. Regular deployment is expected to begin on January 2, 2008.

GFE Tropical ETN Emergency Release: This is a proposed release to correct the problem where tropical hazard ETNs are being purged from the VTEC active table after 14 days. Raytheon analysis indicates that it will take about 30 days to develop, test, and deploy to the field. Two different methods of deployment are proposed: a) Delay OB8.1 until the fix is incorporated into the build. The emergency release would be available for OB7.2.x sites by mid-July and OB8.1 deployment would begin around August 15; b) Proceed with OB8.1 deployment as previously planned, and also prepare an ATAN for the affected sites to be deployed by mid-July. If the ATAN is successful, include the fix to all sites in the OB8.1.1 maintenance release.

SMTP: The deployment has been moving along and up to 120 sites have installed it.

FFMP Emergency Release: There are about 30 sites that yet need to install this release. These remaining sites are listed in Sanford Garrard's weekly summary issued today.

LX Workstation Refresh: The Training Center in Kansas City is installing today and when finished, all sites will have completed the new LX installs.

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

Alaska Region: Duane Carpenter will continue to be the acting AWIPS regional focal point until a permanent selection is made for the position in the next few weeks.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: We are performing the LDAD installs here on our headquarters system and it is going well.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2007. 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.