

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 211 (October 31, 2007)

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, October 31, 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**: Joshua Watson; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **CRH**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Jim Totusek; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Timm Decker; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles; **NCF**: Kevin Johnson;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
  - a. Status of Beta Testing OB8.2: WFO Greenville/Spartanburg (site GSP) installed OB8.2 yesterday and RFC Portland, OR (site PTR) installed today. These are the last 2 beta sites before SyAT begins. The readiness review begins on December 14 with national deployment slated for January 3, 2008.
  - b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases: The OB8.3 reviews continue on the design requirements and the testing plans. The SREC is currently finalizing the contents of OB9.
  - c. Test Mode Control Program (TMCP) Site Survey: There is a need to gauge the application's use in the field so the test team can test it more efficiently. This will help in the preparation for the transition to AWIPS II. The 4 questions in the survey were sent to the regional focal points before this meeting. The focal points were asked to query their field sites and to respond back to Matt Howard by the middle of November. Some feedback was given to Matt at this call. Some questions were raised on the need for this particular survey as it makes no difference if TMCP is used in practice or test mode. Matt took the action item to bring this up with Karen Tepera of Raytheon who wants this survey completed.
  - d. LDAD Local Applications Support: Wayne Martin distributed a Power Point file on this topic before this conference call. (See attached file titled "Linux LDAD Local Application Support".) When the Linux LDAD systems are deployed, local application software running on the HP-UX LDAD systems will need to be ported to the Linux LDAD systems. It has not been formally stated how the technical support for LDAD local application software will be provided. This presentation will describe the type of technical support available for LDAD local application software. After some discussion, Wayne determined that we need to come back to address this issue of technical support after the new Linux LDAD software is deployed.

Wayne brought up several questions such as should we keep a list of what local application software is generally used? Where should the list be kept/posted? Should we keep a list of problems and solutions for local application software? Where should this list be kept/posted? Is there anything else we can do to prepare for the LDAD migration from HP-UX to Linux?

After more ideas and thoughts were tossed around, Wayne took the action item to have more discussions on this topic at the next RACC meeting.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: We will soon receive the IP addresses for our new E-AWIPS boxes that we recently procured from Raytheon. Once we get them, we will send out instructions to our sites on installing the boxes.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: We had a problem where several sites after installing OB8.1.1 had a problem with the routerStoreNetcdf program. This program takes the mesonet data from the University of Utah and decodes it into a mesonet CDF file. This problem originally appeared in OB7.2 and was fixed in OB8.1/OB8.0.1. The bug re-appeared in OB8.1.1. The region sent out a mod note on how to fix the bug and is asking if it will be fixed permanently in OB8.2? The WSH answer was in the affirmative.

GSD: When will the new LDAD hardware be deployed? Sanford Garrard will send out a notice on this matter soon. The deployment will begin on November 7 and conclude on February 7.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are working on the WES for OB8.2. We will begin the beta test next week and will ask for volunteers to perform some beta testing. National deployment is slated to begin on November 30.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 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.**