

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 212 (November 14, 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, November 14, 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**: Fortune Vilcko; **SRH**: Terry Weaber; **WRH**: Gar Nelson; **ARH**: Duane Carpenter; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Timm Decker; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles; **Hydrologic Services Division**: Randy Rieman;

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

a. Status of Beta Testing of OB8.2: The beta teleconference call for OB8.2 was held yesterday and things are moving right along. The next teleconference call will be held next Monday (November 19) at 2 PM. No more sites are scheduled to install the beta version until the end of the beta period in the middle of December.

b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases: The Indiana Time Zone Release (OB8.1.2) is complete and no problems were reported.

OB8.1.1: We are moving along as 145 sites have installed it and the number of sites still on this release is 111.

OB8.1.3: This is the Dam Break Emergency Release that corrects issues that were discovered during the hydro VTEC OT&E relating to the dam break FFW. It has been approved for deployment and this should begin on November 15. The problem reported at WFO Charleston, SC (CHS) appears to be a local issue and will not hold up deployment.

OB8.2.1: Eight DRs are on the candidate list. Regular deployment is expected to begin around March 24, 2008.

OB8.3: We are progressing along and the handoff between the development and integration testing is on target. The SVR for OB8.2 is currently scheduled for the end of May, 2008.

OB9.0: The content for OB9 continues to be discussed at the SREC meetings.

One point that Raytheon brought up is the open trouble tickets are down to a count of 9 which is an historical low.

c. Status of New LDAD Server: Jim Lane from OS&T provided a Word document about the LDAD server replacement project deployment and integration schedules. It is attached to these minutes and is titled "LDAD Server Replacement_Schedule." In summary, phase 1 should be completed by all sites by the end of January. Phase 1 includes the installation and configuration

of the hardware and software, as well as the basic functionality testing. Phase 2 is the transitioning of full functionality to the new servers from the legacy server, including all local applications as well as baseline data flow. This phase should be completed by the end of March. Phase 3 involves removing the legacy servers and relocating the new servers to their permanent positions. The timeline for this last phase has yet to be determined.

Raytheon plans to improve communications for open LDAD software issues. They will be including these issues in their weekly updates on every Friday up until the week after Thanksgiving. After the holiday, the status updates will be on a more frequent regular basis.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We have completed the in-house testing of the WES OB8.2 and will send it out for beta testing today or tomorrow. We have 5-6 sites lined up for the beta testing in the next 2 weeks and we plan deployment to begin on November 30.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

Randy Rieman: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 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.