

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 216 (January 23, 2008)

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, January 23, 2008, 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; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Heather Galan, Dave Cokely; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Timm Decker; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles; **NCF**: John Seeger;

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

a. Status of AWIPS II: NWS HQ had a on-site delivery this week of Task Order (TO)8. It has significant number of D2D capabilities migrated to the new infrastructure. We will execute testing of TO8 this week with an out-briefing of TO8 on February 7. It will be ready for delivery to the field by the end of February or early March. TO9 will be delivered soon and it has significant new GFE capabilities.

We are coordinating the testing, local applications, and training issues in the IWT teams (and sub teams).

b. Status of OB8.2 Installs: Approximately one third of field sites have installed OB8.3. As of Wednesday morning (January 23), 49 sites have installed it and 15 more are scheduled by the end of this week.

c. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB8.2.1: SWIT testing for the initial set of DRs began on January 21. Alpha testing is planned to begin on February 6. The period for identifying OB8.2 operational DRs as candidates continues until February 4. So far, 23 DRs have been accepted into the release. Regular deployment is expected to begin on or before March 24.

OB8.3: SwIT began on January 7 and continues until February 15. Alpha is scheduled to begin February 11 with the first full install scheduled for TBDW on February 13. Regular deployment is expected to begin around June 9. The GFE pre release portion will be available next Monday (January 28).

OB9: It is in the development phase and the design and requirements reviews continue.

Leap Year: We completed the leap year testing and no issues were found so we are ready to go with the software next month.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: Sanford Garrard reminded the region that site GUM needs to schedule their LDAD LAN switch installation on the Oracle calendar. These installations need to be completed by February 7.

Southern Region: Eric Howieson asked about the updates on the WFO/RFC archive replacement projects. Jim Lane has installed the new AX and XTs on the NMTW and NMTR systems here at headquarters yesterday and this morning. If all goes well, Jim will wait for authorization to ship the equipment to the OAT sites soon.

Western Region: Concerning the LDAD net screen access for the security manager, can the regional headquarters get administrative privileges to make quick and emergency changes to the firewall? John Seeger of the NCF responded that they have read access only and can call the NCF to get emergency access on a temporary basis. Sanford Garrard reminded the region that sites STR and SLC need to schedule their LDAD LAN switch installs on the Oracle calendar.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are working on the WES OB8.3 and have a pre-alpha version now available. We look forward to the first alpha release soon.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

Edwin Welles: The AWIPS One Stop web page maintained by OS&T is being revamped to make it more functional and easier to access. If the focal points or field personnel have any suggestions to improve the web page, please forward the comments in the next few weeks to Edwin.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2008. 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.