

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 217 (February 6, 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, February 6, 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**: Cindy Scott; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **CRH**: Bill Gery; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NWSTC**: Jim Totusek; **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 Installing OB8.2: There are a total of 83 sites that have installed OB8.2. We installed maintenance release OB8.2.1 on the NMTW system here at WSH. We ran into some problems today and the Raytheon environment team will look into this matter. This maintenance release has about 26 DRs in it and will take anywhere from 60-90 minutes to install. We will begin installing the release at beta sites the week of February 25. We plan to use 1-2 sites per region for a two week period.

Concerning OB8.3, the alpha readiness review will be conducted this Friday (February 8). The alpha period begins on February 11 and the software will be installed on the Raytheon TBDW system next Wednesday (February 13). We will install it at alpha sites BCQ and EHU in several weeks.

- b. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

*LDAD Server Replacement*: All sites have installed the new server with the exception of site LZK and they will do so today. There are still 40 sites on mode B. A prerequisite for OB8.3 is to completely shift LDAD operations from the old HP server to the new Linux servers.

*WFO DS Software Decommissioning*: A few WFOs have not deactivated their DS and they need to do so very soon.

- c. Severe Weather Checklist: Wayne Martin is updating the AWIPS Severe Weather Checklist to be consistent with the current version of OB8.2. Wayne sent out the checklist document before this meeting for review. Wayne has made some simple changes to the checklist such as removing the checks for the DS servers and adding checks for the DX3 and DX4 servers. However, Wayne suspects that there may be some other checks that we may want to perform in order to ensure that an AWIPS system is running at optimum performance. Wayne is also reviewing the OB8.2 System Managers Manual and if he finds any tips related to system performance, he will incorporate them into the checklist.

Please review this draft and email any comments to Wayne ([Wayne.Martin@noaa.gov](mailto:Wayne.Martin@noaa.gov)) by

Friday, February 22. Wayne would like to post the updated checklist by the end of February.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: We received the new XTs for our headquarters system and will there be instructions coming? The response was they will be coming soon. Eric Howieson said that their regional headquarter's system will be the first to install it the week of February 18.

Southern Region: Eric Howieson stated that the new optical mice were shipped with their new workstations. Jim Lane and Mary Buckingham told him that he could place them on the LXs.

GSD: Some personnel are taking the AWIPS II training.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We received the pre-alpha OB8.3 release and are working to place it into the WES. We will receive the official alpha version next week and place it in the WES and work out any bugs.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

Jim Lane: Mary Buckingham and I will travel to the Southern Region Headquarters on February 19 and 20 to test the new XTs and AXs. We will firm up the mod notes by the end of this week and the OAT sites should see the finalized mod notes soon thereafter. The hardware has already been shipped to the OT&E sites. This is a reminder that the LDAD server replacement must be in place at all sites by March 31 as the site needs to be fully operational on the LS2 and LS3 by that date.

John Seeger: I received an e-mail from the AWIPS ITSO (John Gordon) instructing me to remove the site's capability of accessing the firewall using the read only access. John is working on accomplishing this directive from John Gordon. Several regional focal points complained that they need access through the firewall to review logs at sites. John recommended that they send their concerns to John Gordon.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 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.**

