

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 234 (October 1, 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, October 1, 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; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **GSD**: Carl Bullock; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software :

OB8.3.0.2 (Tropical Hazards Emergency Release): The NCF will automatically install the OB8.3.0.2 release after the site completes the OB8.3 release. Almost all sites have the release installed.

OB8.3.1 (Maintenance Release): The release is the regular maintenance release following the OB8.3 major release. All WFOs must complete installation by November 3 to have the required software for the upcoming TAF format change at 00z on November 5. The second readiness review meeting was held on Monday, where the release was approved for deployment. Due to the uncertainty of the software readiness, installation DVD shipments were delayed. However, most sites should have received the DVD today. Remaining sites should receive the DVD by the end of the week. Regional focal points are scheduling up to 10 sites per day on the calendar.

LDAD Repartitioning: Regular deployment began on September 29. The installation does not need to be scheduled on the calendar. However, sites will be instructed to call the NCF at the beginning of the installation.

OB8.3.2 (WarnGen Special Release): The release contains corrections to a couple of WarnGen defects that have been given high priority for resolution. The release plan is being developed with a projected deployment in December 2008.

OB9: We are in the alpha phase. There are currently 27 open DRs in the release. The beta version of the GFE pre-release will be posted on the JBOSS server on October 6. The beta readiness review is planned for October 10. WFOs and RFCs that will participate in beta are being identified. A beta teleconference kickoff meeting with all site representatives is planned for Monday, October 20 at 2 pm EDT. Regular deployment is projected to begin around February 9, 2009.

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

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: We are ready to assist with the NAS installs and any other hardware that is coming. We did the LDAD repartitioning here at our headquarters this morning and we are trying to get all of our sites to finish up on the LDAD de-commissioning.

Concerning the TO9 software (AWIPS II), we hope to have 2 sites test the new instructions sent to us from WSH.

Western Region: Thanks to the NCF and Raytheon for helping our sites re-schedule the installation of OB8.3.1 since the DVDs were late arriving at some early sites.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: We had TO9 installed (AWIPS II) recently and are working with WSH to have it configured like at WSH. We hope to have training available soon.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Shannon White: We released the OB8.3.1 training today and cc'ed the regional focal points as there is important material that site forecasters and focal points need to know and take action.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 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.