

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 235 (October 15, 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 15, 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: **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig, Shannon Key; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

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 Discrepancy Reports (DR) are *DR 20343 - WarnGen: polygon illegally crosses over itself on occasion* and *DR 20372 - WarnGen adds unintended vertices when the hatched area is redrawn*. The Software Integration Testing (SIT) is expected to begin November 17 and the beta is planned to begin December 1. The readiness review is planned for December 15.

OB9: There are currently 20 open DRs in the release. The installation was successfully completed on the WSH test system NMTW on October 14. The next installation is planned for Pacific Region Headquarters on October 16. We have 11 beta test sites lined up (10 WFOs and one RFC). A beta teleconference kickoff meeting with all site representatives is planned for Monday, October 20 at 2 pm EDT. The Warning Decision Training Branch will host a new functionality training session for the beta sites on Thursday, October 23 from 11 am to 1 pm EDT. Regular deployment is projected to begin around February 9, 2009.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: [Josh Watson could not call in but submitted the following notes instead.] According to our offices, the a2a file at all Eastern Region WFOs has been reduced to a manageable size. Our regional site (VUY) installs beta OB9 next Wednesday. Copies of AWIPS II TO9 and canned data DVDs were mailed to the UFE offices.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We have wrapped up our WES 9.0 work and are now working on the OB9 training. We have had problems with the FFMP in both the WES 9.0 and OB9 training and we are working on the issues.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 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.