

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 238 (December 10, 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, December 10, 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; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig, Dale Morris;

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Chris Marshall):

*OB8.3.2*: This is in beta testing as 7 sites have installed it. There are 4 DRs that were tested and now are closed. It was determined the corrections for DR 20458 (WarnGen OB8.3 Storm Centroid and Storm Track Erroneously Misplaced) are acceptable for this release, even though the centroid is moved slightly in the follow up product. An additional DR 20669 has been written to document the difference and will be targeted for a later release. Beta testing is underway with sites to report results by December 15. The readiness review is planned for December 16 with deployment to all OB8.3.1 sites on December 17 and 18.

*OB9*: A total of 24 sites have installed the beta release. There are currently 10 open DRs and 12 open Trouble Tickets in the release. All open DRs are expected to be checked into the release by December 16. Developers will continue to work on Trouble Tickets as they are opened at the beta sites. Beta installations were successfully completed at WFO Seattle and Northwest RFC. The next beta call is planned for Monday, December 15 at 2 pm EST. The final System Verification Review is scheduled for January 30. Regular deployment is projected to begin around February 9.

*OB9.1*: The release will update the operating system from RedHat Enterprise Linux 4 (RHEL4.2) to RHEL5.2. Initial script development is expected to be completed by January 7. Beta begins April 6, 2009 and deployment to all sites starts on May 11.

*OB9.2*: The AWIPS Support Branch is collecting candidate DRs for the release. The period for identifying DRs continues until March 11. Beta is expected to begin June 8 with regular deployment to all sites around July 6.

b. Upgrade of NSM (Firewall monitor device at NCF) (John Seeger): We just upgraded the NSM (Firewall Monitor device at the NCF) and it requires new clients at the sites. (This is part of the firewall replacement task coming soon.) If anybody needs the client sooner please let John know or else he will be upgrading as time permits. Also with this change John will be

implementing what was intended originally with each region only having access to their region's sites. This will require a slight change in the login process, which will be the new default with the new client since John will login as their userid when he updates the new client to make sure it works OK. If the region has not acquired their userid/password, just have them give John Seeger at the NCF a call.

c. Request to Review Listing of Site Configuration for AWIPS II Migration (Ashley Kells): Ashley sent out a list of Raytheon produced Site Configuration Files for the Regions and the Development Organization to review. The first set of input was due on Friday, December 5. Ashley has received no comments to date from the regions. The plan is to present to the Omaha Group a set of configuration files they will need to develop ways of migrating into AWIPS II. This is why the region's input is so important. We have received input from the ASM on hydro data and this input is appreciated.

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

Alaska Region: We sent to our WFOs a request for them to review the listing of the site configuration files as noted in the Ashley Kells' presentation. We will forward any comments to Ashley.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are working on the final version of the training for OB9 and the WES 9 which will incorporate the FFMP. This training should be ready shortly.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009. 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.**