

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 248 (May 13, 2009)

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, May 13, 2009, 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: **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **ARH**: Phil Dutton; **PRH**: Eric Lau, **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek; **NRC**: Jeff Sickles;

Others present in room: Shannon White, Kevin Woodworth, Chris Marshall, Ashley Kells, Art Thomas, Frank Lucadamo, Berry Azeem, Wayne Martin, John Tatum;

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB9.0.2: There are a total of 13 DRs in this release. There are 11 that are RFC related and 5 that are compiler related. ASM continues development on the DRs. The test team will load it shortly on the NMTR system. The SWIT is scheduled between June 18 – July 7. The beta test phase is scheduled between July 13 – 20. The readiness review is scheduled for July 20 with deployment expected to begin on July 21.

The government has requested that two OB9.0.2 WFO DRs be delivered in a separate OB9.0.1.1 release. One DR is #20763 (a text W/S DR) and the second is DR #20807 (FSI TDWR velocity data problem).

OB9.1: The read/write packet size has been adjusted from the default value of 32k to 8k. No significant performance issues have been discovered in lab testing since the switch. The SWIT testing continues. The beta testing is scheduled between July 20 – August 14. The readiness review is scheduled for August 18 with deployment expected to begin on August 31.

OB9.2: Little work is being done on this release due to the previous releases being delayed. The SWIT is scheduled between August 31 – September 9. The beta testing is scheduled between October 12 – 23. The readiness review is scheduled for October 27 with deployment expected to begin on November 9.

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

Alaska Region: We just installed the new routers here at headquarters and it went smooth. We are currently working on the cabling.

Pacific Region: We have scheduled the WFO at Honolulu on the Oracle calendar for the NAS replacement on May 26.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: Concerning the side by side testing on the old PXs, we are ready to install the TO11 on the PXs and wonder if the instructions are ready yet. Ashley Kells reported they are being finalized by Jim Williams and Ashley took the action item to see that they are sent to the Training Center when they are final. [**Editor's note**: This action item was completed on May 13.]

NRC: nothing significant to report.

Kevin Woodworth: We are working with Raytheon to finalize the Thread-EX climate update information by late June. We want to make sure we are well coordinated with all the WFOs. This was mentioned at the recent DR call in which we asked the regional focal points to talk to their climate people in their respective divisions about the changes. Josh Watson has passed onto the other regional focal points a package of programs that allows one to see the changes in the data base in Thread-Ex. This is so a WFO would know what they are getting and the site can decide if they want the changes.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 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.