

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 253 (July 22, 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, July 22, 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: **ERH**: Joshua Watson; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Sheila Deiotte; **CRH**: Greg Noonan, Matt Davis (ARX); **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Joanne Edwards; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Heather Galan; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB9.0.2: This special RFC release will be pushed out by the NCF by the end of this week.

OB9.1: This operating system release is in beta testing phase. It has been installed at beta sites BCQ, ARX and VHW. BCQ had a few issues but most were resolved. Comments on the mod note which will be sent to WSH. Site ARX had SSH key issues but they have been resolved. They also had ECMWF model problems and are awaiting to see if they were resolved. They had a WarnGen issue and River pro formatter problems. Sean Webb is testing the WarnGen and hydro issues brought up by both BCQ and ARX. Eric Howieson stated that there are errors in the installation mod note and he strongly suggests it needs to be updated before there are any more installs.

Sites BYZ, FSD, and REV are scheduled for next week and may need to be re-scheduled. Frank Lucadamo took the action item to update the installation mod note by the end of this week. Frank also took the action to start up the beta teleconference calls between WSH and the regions and beta sites. The first teleconference call will occur this coming Monday from 2-3 PM EDT. Frank will send out the details in an e-mail by the end of this week.

OB9.2: This release is the regular planned maintenance release following the OB9 major release. Developers are working on coding the DR corrections. The code check-in deadline is August 11. SWIT is currently scheduled to begin around August 24. Regular deployment is currently scheduled to begin November 9.

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

Alaska Region: We are doing the RRS implementation for our WSOs. We did King Salmon the other day and it is running okay. We are planning on doing more WSOs this summer. We finished this week installing SCAT on our headquarters' system. We choose the dedicated workstation option. We have some issues with the tables and configuration and are working

with Jim Williams at WSH on these problems.

Central Region: Except for the install issues with OB9.1 (see above), we have nothing to report.

Eastern Region: We installed our SCAT and set it up with the dedicated box. We provided feedback to WSH on the installation.

Pacific Region: We hope to install the beta version of OB9.1 on our headquarters' system on August 4. We bought extra RAM for our LX workstations for all our sites. This will increase the memory to 4 GIGs. How can we obtain the latest mod note on installing it? Jim Lane took the action item to send them the latest mod note.

Southern Region: What is the status of the workstation refresh of the E-AWIPS machines bought from Raytheon? Jim Lane stated that Raytheon will make an offer to those sites that bought the machines but it may be several months away.

Western Region: Ben Brinkley installed OB9.1 at VHW yesterday. Any feedback will be provided to Frank Lucadamo so he can update the mod note.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: We installed OB9.1 on several of our systems and any feedback was sent back to Sean Webb and Deepak.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Shannon White: An update to the OB9.1 mod note needs to be done. After installing OB9.1, ATAN 974 (HLS formatters) needs to be re-installed. Frank Lucadamo asked Shannon to send him an updated mod note with her comments incorporated.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 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.