

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 258 (September 30, 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, September 30, 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**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: (did not call in); **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Wes Craven; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig; **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB9.1: A total of 55 sites have installed this maintenance release to date. For those sites that have installed the CollDB decoder, they have not experienced any hangs so far. We are not planning on putting the enhanced logging into OB9.2 at this time. If we notice that the hangs occur at OB9.2 beta sites, then we will seriously consider placing the enhanced logging in that maintenance release.

OB9.2: The release is in the second to last week of SWIT. The first official beta will occur on October 12. Several forecasters were in town last week testing on the TBDW Raytheon test bed system. They found about 20 items and are making good progress closing most of them. The exception is a few critical DRs for the RFCs which are still open. One is due to be checked in this Friday and the others next Tuesday. If the testing goes okay, then we will install them at a few beta RFC sites.

We have a critical DR (a textDB DR, #20972) which is scheduled to be checked in today. This DR needs lots of regression testing and maybe we can go to a beta site next week. We will have a brief readiness review meeting on this critical DR this coming Friday as part of the TSR conference call at 11:30AM.

We have 8 other DRs currently in development and most are due to be resolved and checked into the release in the next few days.

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

Alaska Region: We installed the SCAT TO11 slice 4/5 on our headquarters' system. We have a stable system and it's running well. We will finalize our site's registration today for the AWIPS migration.

Central Region: We installed OB9.2 on our headquarters' system. We tried to bring up CAVE on the LX3 but it looks like something broke the SCAT CAVE install on the LX3. We are investigating this.

Eastern Region: We have a stable SCAT system here. We will finalize our site's registration for the AWIPS migration by the end of this week.

Pacific Region: We are trying to get Guam and Honolulu scheduled for the OB9.1 installs. We probably won't get them installed until mid to late October. Our SCAT system is installed and is stable.

Southern Region: We installed the OB9.2 delta this morning and things went well. The SCAT is running well but CAVE continues to act flaky.

Western Region: We installed the SCAT TO11 slice 4/5 on our headquarters' system. We had trouble with the baseline LX workstation for CAVE. We cannot swap back and forth between AWIPS I and II. We are trying to contact the appropriate WSH people to assist us with solving this problem.

NWSTC: We installed the SCAT TO11 slice 4/5 on our operational systems in preparation for our forecaster's initial testing. This should occur around October 20. Once the testing is over with, we will come up with a training module for it.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We received a version of OB9.2 and integrated it into a WES for a WES disk image for updates at sites. We are developing a color tables training module for default color tables.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Wayne Martin: We had a meeting here at WSH on September 17 concerning the password changes for the NOAA1 ftpawips account. It was agreed to use the LDAP data base when attempting to ftp into NOAA1. One would enter their NOAA login name and use their e-mail password. This is set to be activated by the end of December.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 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.