

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 267 (February 17, 2010)

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, February 17, 2010, 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**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau, Duane Carpenter; **GSD**: Woody Roberts ; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Darrel Kingfield; **ROC**: (did not call in); **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;

3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of Current Software Releases: The current active releases (OB9.2, OB9.2.1, OB9.2.2) are all in deployment and over 100 sites have installed each of these releases. The focal points are scheduling the remainder of the sites and things are moving along. A new catastrophic release (OB9.2.3) has been approved and development begins on February 17.

 - b. Status of AWIPS Migration Activities: DR5 was delivered to us on February 15. It was installed on our test beds here at WSH and will be available to all. There were a total of 89 DRs fixed in it and much less than the 299 DRs that were fixed in DR4. We will be looking for resources to close out any more DRs that come out of it. We are preparing for another release to come out on March 1. Another FIT will occur here at WSH after the delivery and it should begin the week of March 8. We will be looking for stability in the system in addition to closing out DRs. Tom Piper will be looking for help on the FIT which will occur on the Raytheon test bed systems.

A readiness review for TO11 will be held on March 10. We will check out the status of any open DRs in addition to the stability of the system, etc.

Ashley Kells is working on getting the local applications running on AWIPS Migration. There are a total of 19 local applications that must be converted before OT&E. Five have been completed, eight were blocked, and six others are being worked on.

The OS&T has been tasked to work on debatable Fixed Before System OT&E (FBSOs) of which there are a total of 457. A Tiger Team did a review of the disputed AWIPS Migration DRs. They took a snapshot of 69 DRs and examined them closely. The Tiger Team found that approximately 30 percent were misclassified and passed back to the TT/DR team to re-classify. The TT/DR team have agreed to all but 4 of the misclassifications.

 - c. Café Formatter Transition: In OB9.2, there is an automatic migration of the Café formatters to NWRWAVES. A problem recently arose with a particular Café formatter. We recommend

that all sites complete the install of OB9.2 as soon as possible and complete the transition of Café to NWRWAVES. We are also updating the User Manual and hope to have it out on Friday. We are also working with OCWWS to mandate that sites move on to NWRWAVES for all products. Please stay tuned about migrating or removing additional Café formatters.

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

Alaska Region: nothing significant to report.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern 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 WES 9.2 update. We are finishing up testing and burning the final images to be sent out. We are slated to launch next Friday, February 26.

Shannon White: I am writing up a problem discovered at WFOs Bismarck and Grand Forks with changes that went into OB9.2. This deals with long duration events with partial upgrades that can cause the hazard formatter to fail. I am writing a possible workaround to the IFPS server and to the regional focal points.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010. 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.