

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 277 (July 7, 2010)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in Room 3246 on Wednesday, July 7, 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**: (did not call in); **WRH**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: (did not call in); **ARH**: Phil Dutton; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: (did not call in); **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Jim Totusek, Wes Craven; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig, Darrel Kingfield; **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 AWIPS Software Releases:

*OB9.2.7 and OB9.2.8*: Both releases have been approved for deployment on July 12.

*OB9.2.9*: There are 9 DRs in the release. SWIT testing is going on and will end on July 23. Beta testing will go from July 26 through August 9. The Readiness Review is slated for August 10 with deployment slated on August 16.

*OB9.2.10*: There are 3 DRs in the release and deployment is slated for September 13.

*OB9.2.11*: This release contains one DR and is a Red Hat upgrade from RH 5.2 to RH 5.5. Deployment is slated for November 29.

*OB9.2.12*: There are 2 DRs in the release and deployment is slated for November 29.

*OB9.2.13*: There is 1 DR in the release and deployment is slated for January 3, 2011.

- b. Status of AWIPS Migration Activities: The OS&T is continuing to work on the Post TO11 task orders. The system OT&E planning task order is in place, the Dimensions task order is completed, the training documentation task order is being worked on and we are working on the SCAT platform task order. This task order will provide for each site a Raytheon designed supported SCAT platform for Local Application and Site Migration.

The upcoming FIT will occur on July 12-16. It will be localized as WFO LIX. Approximately 400 DRs will be looked at. The interface certification test will be conducted at the end of August. We also hope to get the SCAT platform out by the end of August.

Ashley Kells of the OS&T is working on the local applications migration. He is concentrating on the high priority FBSOs local applications which is due by August 11. Ashley is arranging and coordinating the testing of these at WSH and at the Training Center in Kansas City.

Concerning site migration, there was some discussion of D2D procedures at the UTT call yesterday. Do we set up a suite of procedures at site level first before the deployment of the software and then have the forecasters make their personal changes afterwards? But many decided they did not like this approach so we won't pursue this approach on a national basis. But local offices can do this approach locally.

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

Alaska Region: We installed DR11 and finished up the localization. We may be soon moving to R1G1-1.

Central Region: (did not call in)

Eastern Region: We are on track to install the new DX1/DX2 Powervault on July 26. Soon after that, we will upgrade the SCAT system.

Pacific Region: We had a major outage at site HFO last week which lasted 17 hours. Tim Hopkins and others from WSH are performing a review of what happened. We loaded up R1G1-1 on our headquarter's system but have not started the localization yet.

Southern Region: (did not call in)

Western Region: We loaded up R1G1-1 on our headquarter's system but are having difficulty keeping it up and running.

NWSTC: We have installed the DX1/DX2 Powervault. We installed DX3 and DX4 on the NTCB and NTCD systems and all went well.

Warning Decision Training Branch: Concerning updates on the WES, we put together a virtual weather simulator for the Center Weather Service Unit sites with a suspense date of June 30. We are performing general support for the transition to the WES9.2.

For AWIPS Migration activities, we are working on R1G1-1 and we made it through the performance problems and fully evaluated the localization and customization and will write TTRs. We will get the needed documentation to obtain the reorganization of localization needed to have training for the field site's OT&E by August.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 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.**