

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 281 (September 1, 2010)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT in Room 3246 on Wednesday, September 1, 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, Cindy Scott; **SRH**: (did not call in); **WRH**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: Bill Gery; **ARH**: Phil Dutton; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: Joe Byerly; **NWSTC**: Jim Totusek; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig; **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other Participants: Jim Stenpeck, Sanford Garrard, Beraq Azeem, Frank Lucadamo, John Tatum, Baoyu Yin, Ashley Kells, Chris Marshall, James Lane, Randy Christoffersen, Jeremiah Dewey, John Seeger

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases:

OB9.2.9: The NCF has stated that deployment has been accomplished at all sites.

OB9.2.10: Delta installs for the beta sites is planned to begin on September 9 with additional beta tests planned through September 15. The installation will be performed remotely by the NCF and takes about 1 minute per site. This installation does not require localization, but will require a restart of ingest on DX1 and DX2. Users are not required to log out or close any applications during the installation. The included updates will take effect upon subsequent sessions of D2D after the installation has been completed. Deployment is projected to start on September 20.

High Resolution Shapefiles: This project will implement the high resolution shape files that were delivered in OB9. The change in resolution is from 1:2,000,000 to 1:100,000 and the change in accuracy is from 3-4km to 500m. These improvements will allow more accurate positioning of boundaries, forecast zones, radar data, warning polygons, observation sites, and observation and forecast grids. A prerequisite is OB9.2.10. Limited Risk Reduction sites that are also OB9.2.10 beta sites began testing the shape files on September 2. Phase III is projected to begin on October 5. The turnkey for all sites is projected to occur on November 17.

OB9.2.11: A new schedule has been set for the release. A dual boot option will be installed, but the 64 bit option will only be used after a site installs the AWIPS Migration software (AWIPS 2). The SWIT is planned to begin on September 23. Beta testing is planned to begin on November 4. The content of the OB9.2.11 and OB9.2.12 will be combined into one mod note/installation DVD with deployment projected to begin on January 3

OB9.2.12: Deployment is expected to start on January 3.

b. Recent Security Issues and Concerns: Randy Christoffersen stated there was a security breach that prompted the requirement for all AWIPS users to change passwords. He was not able to provide specifics. The NCF had sent out a ADM message to everyone to change the passwords within the next two weeks. Several focal points mentioned that ADMs do not necessarily get sent to the system administrators and Randy indicated that he would add that to his report.

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

Alaska Region: We recently installed the new DX1/DX2 and Powervault on our headquarters system. The new DAS had to be replaced along with the USB ports on the new DX1/2 boxes. We also accomplished the DX3/DX4 refresh too.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: We did the DX3/DX4 refresh last week. We still have R1G1-3 on AWIPS II but have not gotten to do the localization yet.

Pacific Region: We did the DX3/DX4 refresh yesterday and things went well.

Southern Region: (did not call in)

Western Region: We did the DX3/DX4 refresh yesterday and things went well.

GSD: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are working on variance training and will update it for the upcoming FIT. We are trying to get documentation DRs for localization into the system and are getting assistance from Ronla Henry.

NCEP: nothing significant to report.

Jim Lane: An update on the rack consolidation is as follows: We have 2 systems here at WSH on a final rack consolidation configuration. We will go through a full up run since the mod note was revised. There will be one more HQ install in two weeks. For the last week of September and the first week of October, we will go to the first field test sites (3 systems at Training Center and BCQ). There is a WSH person available to travel to regional sites if needed to assist in getting the AWIPS II rack consolidation into place prior to the OT&E.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 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.