

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 289 (January 5, 2011)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST in Room 10300 on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 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**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Joe Rubel; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: Randy Schupbach, Denis Blondin; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig; **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White;

Other Participants: Jim Stenpeck, Art Thomas, Berry Azeem, Jason Taylor, Wayne Martin, James Lane;

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

- a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Chris Marshall):

*OB9.2.11/OB9.2.12*: The readiness review did not occur yesterday as planned. We ran into a snag with the installation verification DVD at site JKL yesterday. There were a few data files missing that were associated with a radar DR. We plan on burning a new DVD and will send it to the Training Center so they can run the DVD verification. After confirmation, we will have the readiness review next week and plan the deployment to begin on January 24.

*OB9.3*: There are 13 DRs in this release and we plan on testing it on the TBDR and TBDW systems here at headquarters. Deployment via a DVD will begin on March 15.

*OB9.4*: So far this contains 2 DRs but more are planned to be in this release. Deployment is expected to begin in the mid April time frame.

- b. Removal of 4-bit WSR-88D Radar Products from SBN (Wayne Martin):

On January 12, the NWS will discontinue the central collection and dissemination of some of the 4-bit WSR-88D radar products. Out of the 10 available 4-bit radar products, 7 radar products will be discontinued from the central collection. The seven 4-bit radar products that will be discontinued from central collection are:

#	TTUSII	NNN	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	DIRECTORY
2	SDUS2I	N1R	BASE REFLECTIVITY 19/R 16LVL 1.5DEG	DS.P19R1
3	SDUS2I	N2R	BASE REFLECTIVITY 19/R 16LVL 2.4DEG	DS.P19R2
4	SDUS3I	N3R	BASE REFLECTIVITY 19/R 16LVL 3.4DEG	DS.P19R3
6	SDUS6I	N0W	BASE VELOCITY 25/V 16LVL 0.5DEG	DS.P25-V

8	SDUS7I	N1V	BASE VELOCITY	27/V	16LVL	1.5DEG	DS.P27V1
9	SDUS6I	N2V	BASE VELOCITY	27/V	16LVL	2.4DEG	DS.P27V2
10	SDUS6I	N3V	BASE VELOCITY	27/V	16LVL	3.4DEG	DS.P27V3

The three 4-bit radar products that will continue to be centrally collected and disseminated on the SBN are:

#	TTUSII	NNN	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	DIRECTORY
1	SDUS5I	N0R	BASE REFLECTIVITY 19/R 16LVL 0.5DEG	DS.P19R0
5	SDUS7I	N0Z	BASE REFLECTIVITY 20/R 16LVL 0.5DEG	DS.P20-R
7	SDUS5I	N0V	BASE VELOCITY 27/V 16LVL 0.5DEG	DS.P27V0

The Technical Implementation Notice 09-41 announcement for these changes can be found here:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/tin09-41\\_88d\\_aaa.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/tin09-41_88d_aaa.htm)

The removal of the 4-bit radar products is a change which has been discussed for the past year. In January - April 2010 we added the 8-bit radar products to the central collection and dissemination. There was an 8 month transition period in which both the 4-bit and 8-bit products were available and the time has come to remove the 4-bit products. Should the 4-bit products be needed by an AWIPS system, they are still available via a One-Time-Request from the AWIPS system to the desired radar.

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

Alaska Region: We are continuing today with the installation of the OB9.2.11/OB9.2.12 release on our headquarters' system.

Central Region: nothing significant to report.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Pacific 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 new version of the WES for the latest OB9 updates. We also installed R1G1-7 on our system. We are working on a pilot applications focal point course for FFMP to get a heads start on the training development.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011. 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.**