

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 303 (August 3, 2011)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT in Room 10300 on Wednesday, August 3, 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**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Ulysses Davis, Andy Edman; **CRH**: Bill Gery, Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Eugene Petrescu, Todd Foisy; **PRH**: Bill Ward; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Darrel Kingfield; **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White; **NCF**: Shevy Greene; **RTS**: Will Leverenz;

Other Participants: Ronla Henry, Elizabeth Cooper, Ashely Kells, Neal DiPasquale, Art Thomas, Mike Istok, John McHale, Sanford Garrard, Berry Azeem, Fran Curnow, Jim Stenpeck

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Will Leverenz): All sites have now installed OB9.2.12 as of this past Monday. OB9.5 has been installed at 115 sites as of this morning.

OB9.6: We went into SWIT this past Monday on the TBDR and NMTW systems. Three more DRs were added last Friday (21285, 21286, and 21290). The DR count is now at 11 and two more are possible. The schedule may change depending upon possible additional DRs. The installation may be quick as 15 minutes and 20-30 minutes with GFE.

b. Status of AWIPS II Installed at Omaha (Ronla Henry):

It's been 2 weeks since we put a separate system in at OAX and installed AWIPS II on the second system. We spent the last week and half localizing the system to look like AWIPS I at the site but it is a work in progress as some smart tools and procedures are not working 100 percent. At midnight on August 2, we went into parallel operations at OAX. Overall, the system is stable and is performing like an operational shift. The site has been encouraged to open up NCF trouble tickets. We are tracking an on-going list of show stoppers from EAX such as shapefile issues and map background issues and are working through them. We are having a daily summary call from OAX.

Everybody has been able to issue all products that were asked to do so. There are some other GFE issues which Raytheon has been working on with some workarounds available. We are working on a checklist of items that have to be done to prepare a site to install AWIPS II. There is also a checklist for after a site has installed AWIPS II to get up to operational status.

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

Alaska Region: We had some recent issues with the AWIPS I WAN and bandwidth. The ASM group at Raytheon is assisting us and looking for a long term solution for us. In the short term, we are looking to see what products we can shed. The HiRes Shapefiles installation has been postponed for a while at Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Central Region: Our headquarters' system has installed AWIPS II but it was down over this past weekend. OB11.7.2 will be delivered to sites next week.

Eastern Region: We installed OB11.7.1 and it is not running well at all. There are some configuration and ITO alarm issues.

Pacific Region: We installed OB11.7.1 on our headquarters system but there were many challenges and Ben Brinkley was here to assist us through this ordeal. We received our OB11.7.2 DVD and we will provide a date to install it.

Southern Region: We had trouble viewing the latest hurricane (Emily) and opened up several trouble tickets on this problem. We got our ADAM upgraded to 11.5.

Western Region: Last week we upgraded to OB11.7.1 and Qpid crashed over the weekend. We received the OB11.7.2 DVDs and plan on installing them tomorrow.

GSD: We completed the RACK consolidation on AWIPS I last week. We installed OB11.7.1 on AWIPS II and are experiencing the same issues as other sites have experienced.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We plan on releasing WES 9.5 sometime this month. But with OB9.6 coming out soon, we will put out an update that sites can download to get WES 9.6. We have updated to OB11.7.1 recently. We will release on next Monday the updates to the Applications Focal Point training course

NRC: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 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 Sanford Garrard. This is to ensure that all of the appropriate WSH personnel attend this RACC to address your issues.