

## RACC Meeting Minutes No. 304 (August 17, 2011)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in Room 10300 on Wednesday, August 17, 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**: (did not call in); **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Ulysses Davis, Andy Edman; **CRH**: Greg Noonan, Lee Venable, Phil Kurimski, Evan Bookbinder, Mike Rega, Ashley Kells; **ARH**: Eugene Petrescu, Todd Foisy; **PRH**: Eric Lau, Bill Ward; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in); **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: Shannon White; **RTS**: Will Leverenz; **NCF**: Shevy Greene

Other Participants: Art Thomas, Sanford Garrard, Jim Stenpeck

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Will Leverenz): The NCF has completed installing OB9.4.1 at all sites.

*OB9.6*: We are in SWIT testing and have tested most of the DRs. The beta testing will begin next Monday, August 22. The beta sites include NHOR, VRH, AFG, OUN, BOI, SLC and TUA. We have added new DR 21298 (newGELTmaker sometimes crashes) to the release. We deleted DR 21285 from the release. This DR had to do with the Key West (KEY) shapefiles and WarnGen. This turned out to be a shapefile issue and not a code issue. The changes were made and KEY tested it out and it's okay.

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

Alaska Region: We plan on installing AWIPS II next Monday, August 22. OB9.6 will be installed this coming Thursday and then upgraded next Monday. We have been having on going issues with the AWIPS WAN. The program office and the NCF both say it's a bandwidth issue and we are maxing out on the circuits. The short term solution is not to transmit products that are not needed such as ISC data. The long term solution will be to look at upgrading the lines in the Alaska region.

Central Region: We upgraded AWIPS II to version OB11.8.0-3 on this past Tuesday. No model data is coming in and we opened up a trouble ticket on the issue as a high priority and have yet to see any results.

The WarnGen template team is here visiting. We have some stability issues, especially with localization. We ran out of memory and had some crashes. We get a lot of AlertViz messages and don't understand them. We are concentrating on hydro issues and podcasts. We will get the

OB11.8.0-4 release (mainly ISC) tomorrow by overnight mail. Site OAX is currently installing it.

Pacific Region: We are making good headway with the McIDAS decoder. We saw some satellite images come through for over Japan. We received the OB11.8.0-3 DVD the other day but never got an email from the NCF. Eric Howieson volunteered to forward the e-mail to the region. Sanford Garrard will follow up with the NCF to make sure that the Pacific region is added onto the e-mail list.

Southern Region: We were not ingesting data over the weekend and the ITO alarms did not go off. This was very disconcerting and needs to be fixed. Shevy Greene from the NCF stated that beginning today at OAX, they will be looking at ITO alarm issues at 7PM, 1AM, and 5AM, EDT. We will also begin to do so in the next few days at all regional headquarters sites that have installed AWIPS II. If any issues appear, they will be written up as trouble tickets and thus escalated.

Western Region: We discovered that Qpid crashed over the weekend like what occurred at Southern Region headquarters. Yesterday, we installed OB11.8.0-3 and the ingest looks good. We've been seeing the ISC grids coming in on GFE.

GSD: Will the ADE be delivered to release OB11.8? Nobody knew and Sanford Garrard took the action to find out.

NRC: nothing significant to report.

**The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 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.**