

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 311 (December 7, 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, December 7, 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; **CRH**: (did not call in); **ARH**: (did not call in); **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Darrel Kingfield; **NRC**: (did not call in); **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other Participants: Art Thomas, Jim Stenpeck, Berry Azeem, Will Leverenz, Shevy Greene, James Lane;

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

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Will Leverenz):

OB9.6.1: We are in SWIT and all the codes have been checked in. All the tests should be done this week. The Readiness Review will be held on Dec. 13 and deployment should begin on Dec. 14.

OB9.7: We began deployment on Nov. 30 and to date 37 sites have installed it.

OB9.8: There are six DRs and includes a release DR. It will also contain a security scan which was done this week. We will continue to accept DRs until Jan. 3.

b. Status of AWIPS O&M (James Lane):

The RACK consolidation is nearly complete and so is the CPSBN replacements. The new printer installs are almost complete (about 90%).

Concerning the text workstation replacement, we need 2 test beds to complete our installs and they will be on AWIPS II systems. The AWIPS I test beds are all installed and we have a good draft mod note to begin the field OT&E. Harry Tran from OPS24 has put together a draft schedule for sites and many have already signed up.

For the XTs, we may move more quickly as we anticipate no significant issues with it. The first sites to install it will be in mid January.

Concerning the replacement for the PX-12 servers, we don't believe we will be in OT&E until the mid to late summer of 2012.

c. NCF Status Report (Shevy Greene):

The admin messages began going out yesterday concerning the GOES-15 satellite data replacing GOES-11. The messages contain information of what sites need to do about running localization on the workstation systems and servers to ingest data. Some sites have had localization issues but all in all, new products have been added and old products deleted without any issues.

We are making progress on migrating sites over to the new ITO. To date, about 55 sites have transferred over to the new ITO. This includes the regional sites and the Training Center systems. We are asking for a waiver from the Christmas moratorium so we can be finished by mid January.

We plan on performing the BNCF activation next week. We will be moving operations over to the backup NCF for 24 hours starting at 9:15AM EST next Tuesday until 9:15AM EST the next day back to the Silver Spring NCF. Some power work was done at the BNCF about a month and half ago and we need to verify whether we can successfully switch over all operations to the BNCF.

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

Pacific Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: nothing significant to report.

Western Region: nothing significant to report.

GSD: The AWIPS II was installed on the FLSC system here at GSD.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are currently finishing up the beta version of WES9.7. This will be the next build going out to all the WFOs to support the next spring convective training. The beta version should be available in early January of 2012.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012. 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.