

Notes from CAT-II Meeting Tuesday March 17, 2009

**Name of RFC representative in attendance:**

APRFC	Scott Lindsey
CBRFC	Michelle Schmidt
LMRFC	David Welch (LMRFC rep. Dave Reed was absent)
MARFC	Peter Ahnert
<b>MBRFC</b>	<b>Tom Gurss?</b>
NCRFC	Scott Dummer (NCRFC rep. Mike DeWeese was absent)
OHRFC	Craig Hunter
SERFC	John Feldt
WGRFC	Bob Corby

CAT members present:

NWRFC	Harold Opitz
NERFC	Rob Shedd

Also present:

Chris Dietz, OHD HSEB, CHPS Project Manager  
Mark Glaudemans, OHD Forcings PAL  
Mark Fresch, OHD XEFS PAL  
Edwin Welles, Deltares

**Document reference:** "Baseline Operational Capability II For CAT RFCs", Version 20090310, distributed by Rob Hartman via the cat\_2 infolist.

**Agenda:**

1. Action item review (Chris): all but one action from last week are now closed. See table below.
2. Side note (Chris): The May/June visits to CAT-II RFCs by Deltares and the "buddy" CATs is awaiting a schedule proposal from Deltares. Expect 1.5 days of meetings per CAT-II RFC. Southern Region RFCs will be spread over 2 weeks. Alaska requested Deltares avoid the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks in May. National HIC meeting is expected to be July 8-10, 2009. Further information will be distributed next week.
3. Summary of last week's meeting (Harold).
4. Discussion related to action item # C2-03102009-03 (forcings for CHPS).

Discussion focused on concerns and issues related to forcings for individual RFCs.  
 No new forcings requirements surfaced.  
 Calibration is an extremely important issue.  
 Deltares/Edwin confirmed that FEWS can generate Thiessen polygons.  
 CAT-II RFCs are free to use mechanisms other than those proposed by the CAT to generate observed and forecast forcings for CHPS.  
 Goal is to retire NWSRFS when RFCs are comfortable they can rely on CHPS; however eventually (timeframe tbd) NWSHQ will terminate national software support for NWSRFS.  
 New run-time MODS requirements from MARFC for API: CCO, BASEF, AEICQN

5. Continue discussion of the referenced BOC-II document  
 No changes to the section on the OFS RRS function.  
 No changes to the section on data visualization and data QC.  
 No changes to the section on workflows.

Decision/Agreement	Action Number/Item	Who	Notes
	<b>C2-03102009-01:</b> Capture changes to BOC-II from this meeting; distribute updated version of BOC-II document	Rob Hartman	<b>Closed</b> (updated version emailed on 3/10/09 to cat_2 infolist)
	<b>C2-03102009-02:</b> Distribute “matrix” from the OHD (“national”) Forcings Team, which describes CAT strategy/requirements for transition to CHPS in the absence of NWSRFS pre-processors	Harold Opitz	<b>Closed</b> (matrix emailed on 3/10/09 to cat_2 infolist)
	<b>C2-03102009-03:</b> Each CAT-II RFC to prepare initial version of their entry for the Forcings “matrix”	CAT-II attendees	<b>Closed</b> (all responses received via email by 3/24/09)
	<b>C2-03102009-04:</b> Get statement from Deltares whether FEWS has capability to identify sensitive/proprietary data that must be excluded from external reports (BOC requirement)	Harold Opitz	<b>Closed</b> (email exchanged on 3/17/09)
	<b>C2-03102009-05:</b> Distribute notes from this meeting to the cat_2 infolist	Chris Dietz	<b>Closed</b> (emailed on 3/10/09 to cat_2 infolist)

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