

AWIPS II Topic of the Week -- Site Transition

In response to my last Weekly Topic about Site Migration, Virgil Middendorf from Billings, MT posed the very good question -- How will sites actually transition from AWIPS I to AWIPS II? This is a timely question as Raytheon is just embarking on a task order titled "Deployment and Transition Planning" (DTP). One of the topics they will address in the DTP task is exactly this question. How do we support site transition within all the constraints we have: existing hardware, 24 hour operations, weather, schedules, testing, costs, staff spin up, and all the porting itself? As we move forward with the DTP task, we will incorporate regional and site feedback to achieve a solution which minimizes the disruption the transition from AWIPS I to AWIPS II will cause. We will validate the transition process (whatever it is) in the OT&E. In order to help us minimize the disruption, all sites should be working with their regions to plan their site's migration, taking the new NWSTD classes about AWIPS II and participating in the User Functional Evaluation.

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