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On Monday, June 1, the NWS Communications Office sent out the latest NWS Focus publication to all NWS employees. In this month's issue John Vogel, AWIPS Program Manager, and Ronla Henry, AWIPS Deputy Program Manager, were featured as part of AWIPS II article series. The AWIPS Program Office noted and acknowledged that their "ultimate customer is the forecaster.... We have engaged them as stakeholders on this entire project". Reliability, Service Improvement, and Advanced Science & Technology are goals the AWIPS Program strives to uphold while serving our “ultimate customer”. Without the forecaster there’s no National Weather Service, much less an AWIPS Program Office. OST recognizes its role in “Driving Science and Technology Advances into NWS Operations” by responding to field requirements and emerging opportunities, as well as, enabling continuous product improvement. Listed below are proposed future AWIPS II articles that will showcase key principals through the end of the fiscal year. A very special thanks to Dr. Curtis Carey, NWS Communications Office Director, and his staff for the interviews and their outstanding job on providing insightful articles.

To read the NWS Focus article in its entirety please check the AWIPS Tech Infusion web site (http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/SEC/AE/index.htm).

**AWIPS II Article Series**

*July 2009: Profile NAWIPS Migration/Integration with AWIPS*
*Aug 2009: Profile Natl. Core Local Apps Development Team (NCLADT)*
*Sept 2009: Profile AWIPS Raytheon Team*
*Oct 2009: Profile AWIPS Operational Test & Evaluation (OTE) Team*

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