

## **AWIPS II Topic of the Week -- Tracking Risks**

All:

Any large development project has risks. For example, requirements can change; designs may not work out; resource estimates are often wrong; the list of potential risks goes on and on. Having risks in a project does not mean a project is in trouble. In fact, identifying and then mitigating risks is a proactive way to head off problems. Problems are realized risks and avoiding them is usually best. As you would expect, there are risks with AWIPS II. Following standard project management practices, we have identified risks throughout the life of the AWIPS II project. We have implemented mitigations, and have even seen some risks fall by the way side. Of course, there are some risks we actively work to keep them from becoming problems. We review risks regularly to ensure we integrate new information into our risk assessments. For those who may be interested, we post the NWS risks on our ATI web site. And of course, if you think we are missing one, let us know.

See this page for the risks:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/SEC/AE/AWIPS-II\\_Management\\_Information.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/SEC/AE/AWIPS-II_Management_Information.html)

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