

ISST Conference Call Summary  
**October 2, 2006**

Team members present (P) and not present (NP):

(P) Greg Mann (team leader)  
(NP) Jim Nelson (backup team leader)  
(P) Karl Jungbluth  
(P) Tom Salem  
(NP) Dan St. Jean  
(NP) Mike Staudenmaier  
(P) Jeffrey Medlin  
(P) Ken Falk  
(P) Bill Ward  
(NP) Reid Hawkins  
(NP) Lee Anderson (facilitator)

**1. Verification Nationalization / RTMA-Gridded MOS Quality**

MSD/SSD chiefs and CONOPS implementation team met in Boulder in August. What can the regions help out with in CONOPS? Clusters will work toward standardizing practices. A challenge from WRH: : How do we verify service assistance for CONOPS evaluations? Evaluation of Gridded MOS, RTMA by the ISST , Downscaling tools – e.g., gridded MOS and DNG, Verification and the RTMA.

What is acceptable performance of the RTMA? What is good enough? What makes a good analysis? The ISST needs to be involved with the evaluation process and offer feedback to the developers. The team will develop a position paper. Look at primary variables (e.g., temp, dewpoint, etc).

**2. RTMA Evaluation Expansion**

What observations are being used in the RTMA and how do those observations get placed into the analysis.

**3. Gridded MOS (One Pager)**

**The team will make recommendations for revision to the paper.**

#### **4. 4-7 Day Gridded Methodology**

**The team will draft a day 4-7 paragraph for circulation among the team members by next call.**

#### **Upcoming Call Schedule**

No call October 9<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day)

Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 130 pm EDT