Segment Three - “Progress in Transition of Products to Operations”

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New Product Introduction

Issue: “Primary versus Supplemental”

- Would like to see the product’s role identified early in the process.
- If deemed “Supplemental” airlines would like to participate in discussions relating to anticipated usage in conjunction with other products, and assist with developing guidelines for use.
- If deemed “Supplemental”, with an intention to be transitioned to “Primary”, airlines would like to participate in discussions relating to this transition and identify appropriate timelines and any transition implications.
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Issue: User Involvement during the “Operational Test Period”

- Formalize the process for User Testing activities
- Solicit “volunteers” from all affected user communities for participate in product testing efforts relating to:
  » accuracy
  » usage - how, when, product conflicts etc.
  » assist with product verification efforts
- Solicit input from users relating to any additional needed training documentation or activities.
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Issue: FIP/CIP/GTG Product Distribution
- NWS ADDS not QICP approved
  - FIP/CIP/GTG need to be ingest and processed via NOAAPort for operational use.
- What other options are available for display of these products?

Issue: ITWS Distribution
- Operational sites not currently available to airlines via FAA sources.
- What happens to the “prototype” sites when they become operational?
- What options are being discussed (if any) for ITWS data distribution.
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Issue: Increase Airline input into AWTT process
- Many new players within airline meteorological community
- Travel to multiple meetings difficult
- AWTT process has been received favorably by airline community.
- To enhance greater airline involvement perhaps consider:
  » dedicating one AWTT meeting per year to airline specific issues and products.
  » Increased participation in airline telcons
  » distribution of “quarterly” status summaries
Odds and Ends

- SWA pleased to be newest participant in MDCRS
- EDR vs. RMS-g
- NWS TAF Impact Verification Study - SWA/NWS Southern Region
  - POD 89.1 vs. 42.1
  - FAR 22.0 vs. 77.3
- NWS Web page “standardization”