

PASS Liaison / Representative Update

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Current Program Status: TBFM is utilizing a strategy of implementing new capability at one site while issuing software releases with fixes for the others. While this is a good approach programmatically, it creates a lot of different versions of software and confusion as to which sites need to do what. These issues, as well as other issues related to ARTCC-remote site coordination and ARTCC-ARTCC coordination for maintenance activities are on the minds of Tech Ops, and the PASS Reps for TBFM. The FSEP, NAPRS, and other forms of official guidance are under review/revision. PASS/Tech Ops has agreed to take the lead in establishing standards for coordination, but there is also room for improvement from the Second Level Engineering end of things. The communication out to site personnel still needs improvement. I believe there will be ongoing efforts to correct deficiencies in this area.

Issues Affecting PASS:

There is a planned OT&E activity (TBFM 4.4 Ops Eval) the week of June 22nd at the Tech Center. The new PASS Reps Vincent LaMagna, Terence Levings, and I all plan to be present for that activity. The details are being finalized, and assessments of whether the software is ready for Ops Eval are underway. I don't foresee any issues with PASS inclusion on OT&E activities in the near future.

Program Issues:

Divergence in software is always difficult to manage. Changes in the system and the impacts to maintenance are always a challenge to stay on top of. It will require a concerted effort to get to where things need to be.