File 20100330.2145: Notes on the current status of RM 5.0 CT&E testing:

NSA pen test lab in Ft Meade; NSA outsourced lab in Charleston is recreating our FAT. NSA pen test lab is frustrated because they don't have a fully configured RM system. RM's feeling is that NSA didn't ask for it.

Three people have been to the east coast in the past two weeks or next week: Ian, Russ, Kevin (next week). The NSA pen testers at Ft Meade are complaining this week. They complain of frustration that they can't test things, but Kevin says that's because they never asked for those features to be turned on in the first place. The IV&Vers in Charleston are basically re-running our FAT. They have failed a bunch of test procedures because RM was not set up to have the features they're testing. They failures they're reporting are all medium or low, which means they can be ignored. Ian was there last week; Russ is there this week; someone will be in D.C. next week, setting up the RM at Ft Meade to be identical to Charleston. The developer keeps having to turn on new features because NSA didn't ask for them up front.

Dan Griffin is having trouble coming up with the money to keep someone out there all throughout the 5.0 certification. Money is still a problem; NMSO always waits until the last minute of the last day before they give us the money to continue. NMSO screens their calls and won't answer Olav's calls. Last week, Bryan Rollins had to meet with the Captain in charge of NMSO and they yelled. But at the end of that meeting, NMSO understood the RM business model finally, and things should be smoother in future. (See the email dated today in the thesis folder on LMCO for Olav's take on things.)

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References