

File 20101209.1100: Notes from meeting with Larry Brown re: RM Roadmap: I asked Larry about the RM Roadmap. He showed me the presentation he gave at PMR the other day. I suggested adding notes to it showing what the minor and major recertification trigger points are; Larry countered that it is difficult to tell the difference between government regression testing and certification testing these days. What, for example, are NSA doing right now? They are still testing; the next reviews will be RMAN and WinDDS, probably, inferring from the questions they send to Kevin every week. UCDMO do not tell the developer anything about what is happening with CDTAB and TORAs; the developer can only induce from the questions that NSA keep asking.

Larry listed a few recertification triggers: port to a different OS, obviously. In general, the roadmap is all about bundling of enhancements. As long as the enhancements are all relatively minor, not all impacting the security critical portions of the system, then an update can be regression tested by the government and accepted fairly readily. If your enhancements are all over the map, that is a more likely trigger of a full recertification effort. The RM roadmap is designed with this consideration in mind.

Dan Nichols told the developer that UCDMO is hands-off now. They helped the RM developer with all that work testing 5.0, but not any more.

References