

File 20100706.1102: Notes from Systems Engineering meeting this morning:

‘This week is a boneyard crew, big time’ —Kevin Miller.

RM 5.0 regression testing is ongoing at NSA and in Charleston. They have found some issues. So far, three CRs have been boarded. These testers have a whole pocketful of tricks aimed at testing guards. Three weeks to do regression testing, only two weeks left. It is up in the air what it will mean. Certification is critical to the developer; they need 5.0 to be certified; many customers are waiting, many proposals. Over the next month, STRATCOM will be happening.

The developer feels that the certifiers have been changing the rules in the middle of the game. In the past, doing SABI and TSABI separately, they would have been long done with TSABI by now. Under the new unified process through the UCDMO, there is no SABI and TSABI any more. TSABI was always much less strict than SABI. SABI always took longer. But under the unified process, NSA is in charge, and NSA are extremely strict. Everything is being held up by NSA.

NSA will not give the developers their test procedures, because NSA do not want the developers writing products around it. NSA have a many special tests that they keep in reserve just for guards.

There will be a 5.0 CT&E telecon at 0800 on Thursday.

Ian is going to Afghanistan for six weeks.

Worst case, get CM to witness the regression testing of these three CRs.

References