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# Implementation of CGMS Best Practices for LEO Direct Broadcast Data at NOAA

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## Executive summary of the WP

This paper describes the implementation status of the Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites (CGMS) agency best practices in support to local and regional processing of Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) Direct Broadcast (DB) data at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

This paper focuses on the Polar Operational Environmental Satellites (POES) legacy missions (NOAA-18, NOAA-19); Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (S-NPP) mission, NOAA-20 mission and NOAA-21 mission.

### Key issues of relevance to CGMS:

- ☐ All of NOAA's Suomi-NPP and JPSS satellites (NOAA-20, NOAA-21) are compliant with all CGMS Best Practices for LEO Direct Broadcast Data.
- ☐ For NOAA's POES Satellites (NOAA-18, NOAA-19), NOAA is compliant with Best Practices 2 -5, 7, 9 and 10, while best practices 6 and 9 do not apply to these missions. NOAA is compliant with a previous version of the Best Practice 1 for the POES satellites.

### To be considered by CGMS:

- ☐ No request for endorsement or action.

BACKGROUND SLIDES

## List of Best Practices

1. BP.01 Global Specification for Direct Broadcast
2. BP.02 Timely Provision of Space-to-Ground Interface Control Documents
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## Status of Operation Broadcast Systems

Instruments	POES	
	NOAA-18	NOAA-19
AMSU-A1	Green	Green
AMSU-A2	Green	Green
AVHRR	Yellow	Green
HIRS	Red	N/A
MHS	Red	Yellow
SUBV	Red	Green

Instruments	JPSS		
	SNPP	NOAA-20	NOAA-21
ATMS	Green	Green	Green
CERES	Green	Green	Green
CrIS	Yellow	Green	Green
OMPS	Green	Green	Green
VIIRS	Green	Green	Green

## BP.01 Global Specification for Direct Broadcast

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant with earlier version

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. Status previously briefed during CGMS-46. Link to the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Common Data Format Control Book with the downlink data formats provided at CGMS- 48

<https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/about/documents-reports/jpss-technical-documents>

## BP.02 Timely Provision of Space-to-Ground Interface Control Documents (ICD)

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. Status previously briefed during CGMS-46 (web links provided via WP)

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. S-NPP/NOAA-20 statuses were briefed during CGMS-46.
- NOAA-21 High Rate Data (HRD) changes were briefed during CGMS.

A NOAA-21 ICD revision is now available at the following URL:

<https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/about/documents-reports/jpss-technical-documents>



## BP.03 Provision of Current Orbit Information

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. Status previously briefed during CGMS-46

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant with S-NPP, NOAA-20 and NOAA-21. The JPSS Field Terminal Support (FTS) provides Mission Support Data (ancillary data, auxiliary data and Mission Notices) and the necessary hardware and software specifications needed for processing the broadcasts. FTS distributes S-NPP, NOAA-20 and NOAA-21 TLEs, predicted post-maneuver TLEs, and definitive ephemeris files  
FTS webpage: <https://fieldterminal.nesdis.noaa.gov>
- Users can also find S-NPP, NOAA-20 and NOAA-21 TLEs from the following OSPO run webpage:  
<https://celestrak.org/NORAD/elements/>

## BP.04 Provision and Maintenance of Product Processing Software

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. The Community Satellite Processing Package (CSPP) supports the Direct Broadcast (DB) meteorological and environmental satellite community through the packaging and distribution of open source science software

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. The Community Satellite Processing Package (CSPP) supports the Direct Broadcast (DB) meteorological and environmental satellite community through the packaging and distribution of open source science software
- Instructions for downloading CSPP software are on the CSPP Home Page located at:  
<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/cspp/>

## BP.05 Packages Provision of Auxiliary Data for Instrument Product Processing

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. Status previously briefed at CGMS-47

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant with S-NPP, NOAA-20 and NOAA-21 auxiliary data are available on FTS
- The FTS user portal web page is located at:  
<https://fieldterminal.nesdis.noaa.gov/>

## BP.06 Recommendations of Channel Selection for Hyperspectral Instruments

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Not Applicable

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. Users are notified of any changes through Environmental Satellite Processing Center (ESPC) Notifications.
  - Contact the ESPC Help Desk to be added to the distribution list:  
[ESPCOperations@noaa.gov](mailto:ESPCOperations@noaa.gov)
  - Notifications are archived at:  
<https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/messages.html>

## BP.07 Spacecraft and Instrument Operational Status

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. POES status available at the following URL:  
<https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/POES/status.html>

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. JPSS Status is available at:  
<https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/JPSS/status.html>
- Product maturity level is available at:  
<https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/AlgorithmOperational.php>

## BP.08 Operational Announcements

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. ESPC Notifications are issued for both planned and unplanned events. The Notifications are also at: <http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/messages.html>

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. ESPC Notifications are issued for both planned and unplanned events. The Notifications are also at: <http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/messages.html>

## BP.09 Satellite Direct Broadcast and Reception Station Performance Requirements

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Not Applicable

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant, status briefed during CGMS-46 and unchanged.
  - The link budget is provided in the working paper. (Appendix A.2)

## BP.10 Monitoring of the Direct Broadcast Downlink

### NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (POES)

- Compliant. NOAA routinely monitors NOAA-15, 18, and 19 HRPT at Wallops CDAS and Fairbanks CDAS

### SNPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21 (JPSS)

- Compliant. Briefed at CGMS-49 with no update.
- OSPO is currently responsible for monitoring the S-NPP, NOAA-20 and NOAA-21 HRD broadcasts.