



Read-me for Data Users

MEMORANDUM FOR: The JPSS Program Record
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SUBJECT: S-NPP validated maturity status
DATE: 04/23/2020/

Validated maturity status declaration for CH₄

Maturity Review Date: 04/23/2020
Effective Date: 04/23/2020
Operational System: NUCAPS, Version # HEAP 2.2

The JPSS Algorithm Maturity Readiness Review Board approved the release of the NUCAPS to the public with a Validated maturity level quality as of 04/23/2020 (effective date), based on JPSS Validation Maturity Review held on 04/23/2020 (link to review artifacts).

1. Maturity stage definition (<http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jps/AlgorithmMaturity.php>)
2. Algorithm Description:
 - List of Products (Collection Short Name (CSN): 'NUCAPS-EDR')
 - Methane (CH₄)
 - Product requirements/Exclusions (LIRDS): see artifact at TBD
 - Quality flags (Table): See artifact at TBD
 - Product evaluation/validation: See artifact at TBD
 - Product availability/reliability
 - N20 NUCAPS-EDR data been produced since 5/23/2018 (Beta maturity) with V4.3. The primary change from HEAP 2.1 (CH₄ Provisional maturity version based on the maturity review dated 10/24/2019, and currently in NDE I&T) to the current version HEAP 2.2 (CH₄ Validated maturity version based on the maturity review dated 04/23/2020) includes updated CO₂ a-priori and CH₄ QC flags. A hierarchy of data sets were used to validate the products and achieve provisional maturity.
 - Algorithm performance dependence: None
 - Known errors/issues/limitations: TBD
3. Changes since last maturity stage: Provisional to Validated
4. Review board recommendations
5. Path Forward/Future Plan: Future enhancements may include upgrades to the quality flags embedding super-saturation, NUCAPS algorithm improvements with CAMEL emissivity for improved land surface emissivity characteristics, potential improvements towards swath edges using local angle corrections. Collaboration with NOAA/ESRL in the implementation of the CH₄ product in numerical weather prediction model data assimilation.
6. Additional Items to note



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Additional information is available in the {JPSS Product} algorithm theoretical basis document (ATBD) and validation maturity review briefing, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php>

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