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1. PRODUCTS

This is an external user's manual document describing the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Risk Reduction (RR) products and output files. The JPSS Risk Reduction product system was developed at the Center for Satellite Applications and Research (STAR) and will be implemented into operations at the NOAA NPOESS Data Exploitation (NDE).

The intended users of the External Users Manual (EUM) are end users of the output products and files, and the product verification and validation (V&V) teams. The purpose of the EUM is to provide product users and product testers with information that will enable them to acquire the product, understand its features, and use the data. External users are defined as those users who do not have direct access to the processing system.

1.1. Product Overview

The NOAA JPSS RR System produces a total of 21 products in three different product areas: Clouds, Aerosol, and Cryosphere. The products generated from the Suomi NPP (National Polar Orbiting Partnership) Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Scientific Data Records (SDR) will be used as risk reduction assessment for a cost effective implementation of common NESDIS algorithms for the JPSS program. The output products are intended for operational and scientific users.

1.1.1. Product Requirements

The requirements are to develop a production system to demonstrate that common algorithm approach for new NPP VIIRS satellite products created from upgraded GOES-R algorithms. It is expected to demonstrate a cost effective algorithm development, implementation, transition to operations, and maintenance process for NOAA JPSS products on future JPSS satellites.

1.1.2. Product Team

The VIIRS JPSS RR Development product team consists of members from STAR. The roles and contact information for the different product team members are identified in Table 1-1.

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Table 1-1-1 Product Team Members

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1.1.3. Product Description

The NOAA JPSS RR products will be used as a risk reduction assessment for a cost effective implementation of common NESDIS algorithms for the JPSS system. The system

was designed to run within the NPOESS Data Exploitation (NDE) production environment. The output products are intended for operational and scientific users. Table 1-2 provides information on the algorithms and products.

Table 1-2. JPSS RR Algorithms and Products

| Product Category | Algorithm | Product |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Cloud | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cloud Mask - Cloud Phase - Cloud Height - Daytime Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties (DCOMP) - Nighttime Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties (NCOMP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloud Mask Cloud Top Phase Cloud Type Cloud Top Height Cloud Cover Layers Cloud Top Temperature Cloud Top Pressure Cloud Optical Depth Cloud Particle Size Distribution Cloud Liquid Water Cloud Ice Water Path |
| Aerosol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aerosol Detection - Aerosol Optical Depth - Volcanic Ash | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerosol Detection Aerosol Optical Depth Aerosol Particle Size Volcanic Ash Mass Loading Volcanic Ash Height |
| Cryosphere | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snow Cover - Ice Concentration - Ice Thickness and Age | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow Cover (including NDSI Snow Fraction and Reflectance) Ice Concentration and Cover Ice Surface Temperature Ice Thickness/Age |

1.1.4. Product History

The algorithms in the JPSS products are modified or upgraded versions of GOES-R algorithms adapted to run on S-NPP VIIRS (except for Snow Cover which is GOES heritage). The result of this implementation is to have just one set of algorithm software that will need to be maintained for generating products from both the GOES-R Advanced Baseline Imager and the JPSS VIIRS instruments. It is expected that instruments onboard future VIIRS satellites will also use these algorithms. This risk reduction project supports the common algorithm approach for new satellite products.

1.2. Product Characteristics

VIIRS is a 22-band imaging radiometer that, in terms of features, is a cross between MODIS and AVHRR, with some characteristics of the Operational Linescan System (OLS) on Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) satellites. Several unique characteristics of VIIRS will impact the VIIRS JPSS RR products, which include

- a wider swath,
- high spatial resolution,
- constrained pixel growth: better resolution at edge of swath,
- a visible day-night band (DNB).

1.3. Product Access

All JPSS RR output data files will be made available by the NDE DHS on the NDE data distribution server at ESPC in a near real time manner. For access to this server, information about data files, and associated documentation, the JPSS PAL should be contacted (see Table 1-1).

The NESDIS' Policy on Access and Distribution of Environmental Data and Products is provided at: <http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Organization/About/access.html>.

Users need to fill out the Data Access Request Form located on this site and submit to the PAL with a copy to nesdis.data.access@noaa.gov. This address provides the OSPO Data Access Team a copy of the correspondence. The process is defined in the following diagram. Once the request is approved by the OSPO management the data will be delivered by the Data Distribution System (DDSPProd) currently distributing the ESPC data products and later by the Product Distribution and Access (PDA) system. The ESPC Data Distribution Manager, Donna McNamara (donna.mcnamara@noaa.gov) should be contacted for any data accessibility and data distribution problems.

The products are in netCDF format and undergo compression while being processed. Table 1-3 lists the JPSS RR output files and their formats. Tables 1-4 to 1-14 show the detailed content of the output files.

Table 1-3 JPSS RR Output File Names: NetCDF4

| <i>JPSS RR Product Algorithm Names</i> | <i>NetCDF4JPSS RR product filenames</i> |
|--|---|
| Aerosol Detection | JRR-ADP_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Aerosol Optical Depth | JRR-AOD_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Volcanic Ash | JRR-VolcanicAsh_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Cloud Mask | JRR-CloudMask_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Cloud Height | JRR-CloudHeight_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Cloud Phase | JRR-CloudPhase_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Daytime Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties (DCOMP) | JRR-CloudDCOMP_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Nighttime Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties (NCOMP) | JRR-CloudNCOMP_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Ice Thickness and Age | JRR-IceAge_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Ice Concentration | JRR-IceConcentration_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
| Snow Cover | JRR-SnowCover_v1r1_npp_sYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_eYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0_cYYYYMMDDHHMMSS0.nc |
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Where,
v1r1 – version

YYYY – 4 digit year
 MM – 2 digit month
 DD – 2 digit day
 HH – 2 digit hour
 MM – 2 digit minute
 SS – 2 digit second
 s – start
 e – end
 c – creating time

The file contents are shown in Tables 1-4 to 1-14.

Table 1-4 Aerosol Detection Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|---------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----------|
| Ash | Byte | Volcanic Ash Flag: 1 = yes, 0 = No | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| AshConfidHighPct | Float | Percent of high confidence ash | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| AshConfidLowPct | Float | Percent of low confidence ash | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| AshConfidMediumPct | Float | Percent of medium confidence ash | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| AshPct | Float | Percent of good ash retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| Byte1 | Byte | Quality Flag Byte 1 | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| Byte2 | Byte | Quality Flag Byte 2 | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| Byte3 | Byte | Quality Flag Byte 3 | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| Byte4 | Byte | Quality Flag Byte 4 | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| Byte5 | Byte | Quality Flag Byte 5 | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| Cloud | Byte | Cloud Flag: 1 yes, 0 no | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| DAll | Float | Dust Aerosol Index | 2 | 1 | |
| Dust | Byte | Deep blue dust flag: 1 yes, 0 no | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| DustConfidHighPct | Float | Percent of high confidence dust | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| DustConfidLowPct | Float | Percent of low confidence dust | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| DustConfidMediumPct | Float | Percent of medium confidence dust | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| DustPct | Float | Percent of good dust retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90., 90. |

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| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180., 180. |
| NDAI | Float | No Dust Aerosol Index | 2 | 1 | |
| NUC | Byte | None, Unknown, Clear_sky Flag: 1 Yes, 0 No | 2 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| NUCConfidHighPct | Float | Percent of high confidence NUC | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NUCConfidLowPct | Float | Percent of low confidence NUC | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NUCConfidMediumPct | Float | Percent of medium confidence NUC | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NUCPct | Float | Percent of good NUC retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NoAshPct | Float | Percent of ash not determined (bad) | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NoDustPct | Float | Percent of dust not determined (bad) | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NoNUCPct | Float | Percent of NUC not determined (bad) | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NoSmokePct | Float | Percent of smoke not determined (bad) | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NumOfGoodAshRetrieval | Long | Number of Good Ash Retrievals | 0 | 1 | |
| NumOfGoodDustRetrieval | Long | Number of Good Dust Retrievals | 0 | 1 | |
| NumOfGoodNUCRetrieval | Long | Number of Good NUC Retrievals | 0 | 1 | |
| NumOfGoodSmokeRetrieval | Long | Number of Good Smoke Retrievals | 0 | 1 | |
| NumOfQualityFlag | Long | Number of quality flag | 0 | 1 | |
| NumOfSatZenAngLess60 | Long | Number of pixel with satellite zenith angle less 60 degree | 0 | 1 | |
| NumOfSolZenAngLess60 | Long | Number of pixel with solar zenith angle less 60 degree | 0 | 1 | |
| Smoke | Byte | Deep Blue Smoke Flag: 1 Yes, 0 No | 2 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| SmokeCon | Float | Smoke Concentration | 2 | ug/m^3 | |
| SmokeConfidHighPct | Float | Percent of high confidence smoke | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| SmokeConfidLowPct | Float | Percent of low | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |

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| | | confidence smoke | | | |
| SmokeConfidMediumPct | Float | Percent of medium confidence smoke | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| SmokePct | Float | Percent of good smoke retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| SnowIce | Byte | Snow Ice Flag: 1 Yes, 0 No | 2 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| StartColumn | Long | Start column index | 0 | | |
| StartRow | Long | Start row index | 0 | | |
| TotalPixel | Long | Total number of pixels where retrievals are attempted | 0 | 1 | |
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Table 1-5 Aerosol Optical Depth Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|----------|-------|---------------------------------|-----|-------|------------|
| AOD550 | Float | Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm | 2 | 1 | -0.05, 5.0 |

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| AOD550LndMdl | Float | Retrieval AOD550 for each land aerosol model: dust, generic, urban, smoke | 3 | 1 | -0.05,5 |
| AOD_channel | Float | Aerosol optical depth in selected channels | 3 | 1 | 0, 12 |
| AerMdl | Byte | Aerosol model: 0-oceanic, 1-dust, 2-generic, 3-urban, 4-heavy smoke | 2 | 1 | 0, 4 |
| AngsExp1 | Float | Angstrom exponent for M4 vs M7 over ocean | 2 | 1 | -1, 3 |
| AngsExp2 | Float | Angstrom exponent for M7 vs M10 over ocean | 2 | 1 | -1, 3 |
| CoarseMdlIdx | Byte | Retrieved coarse aerosol model index over ocean | 2 | 1 | 1,5 |
| FineMdlIdx | Byte | Retrieved fine aerosol model index over ocean | 2 | 1 | 1,4 |
| FineModWgt | Float | Retrieved ratio of fine mode optical depth at 0.55 micron over ocean | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| HighQualityPct | Float | Percent of high quality retrievals | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90., 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180., 180. |
| MeanAOD | Float | Mean AOD at 550 nm | 0 | 1 | -1, 5 |
| QCall | Byte | Retrieval quality: 0: no retrieval; 1:low; 2:medium; 3:high | 2 | 1 | 0, 4 |
| QCExtn | Byte | External flags from input masks: bit 0&1: cloud (0-confClr/1-probClr/2-probCld/3-confCld); bit 2: snow (0-No/1-Yes); bit 3: cloud shadow; bit 4: fire; bit 5: sun glint; bit 6: | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |

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| | | Heavy aerosol | | | |
| QCInput | Byte | Flags for input data (0-valid/1-invalid): bit 0: geolocation; bit 1: geometry; bit 2: ancillary model data; bit 3: reflectance | 2 | 1 | 0, 15 |
| QCPath | Byte | Flags for retrieval path (0-No/1-Yes): bit 0: retrieval over water; bit 1: over bright land; bit 2: over glint water; bit 3: retrieval with SW scheme over land; bit 4: retrieval with SWIR scheme over land; bit 5: retrieval over bright-land algorithm | 2 | 1 | 0,31 |
| QCRet | Byte | Flags for retrieval (0-No/1-Yes): bit 0: retrieval failed; bit 1: low sun; bit 2: dark barren land surface type; bit 3: extrapolation involved; bit 4: retrieval residula out of range; bit 5: dark land NDVI out of range; bit 6: dark land redness ratio out of range; bit 7: adjacent to cloud or snow | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| QCTest | Byte | Flags for internal tests (0-No/1-Yes): bit 0: cloudy; bit 1: cirrus; bit 2: thin cirrus; bit 3: inhomogeneous; bit 4: snow/ice; bit 5: ephemeral water; bit 6: shallow water; bit 7: heavy aerosol | 2 | 1 | -128,127 |
| ResLndMdl | Float | Retrieval residual for each land aerosol | 3 | 1 | 0,999 |

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| | | model: dust, generic, urban, smoke | | | |
| Residual | Float | Retrieval residual of the best solution | 2 | 2 | 0,999 |
| RetrievalPct | Float | Percent of AOD retrievals | 0 | Percent | 0,100 |
| SfcRefl | Float | surface reflectance in selected channels | 3 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| SpaStddev | Float | Inhomogeneity TOA reflectance standard deviation: M1 over land, M11 over ocean | 2 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| StartColumn | Long | Start column index | 0 | | |
| StartRow | Long | Start row index | 0 | | |
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Table 1-6 Volcanic Ash Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|--------------------|-------|---|-----|----------------------|-------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90., 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180., 180. |
| AshConfidence | Float | Ash Confidence | 2 | None | NA |
| AshConfidenceMulti | Float | Ash Confidence Multi | 2 | None | NA |
| AshDetectionQPI | Byte | Ash Detection Product Quality Information | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| AshDetectionQF | Byte | Ash Detection Quality Flag | 2 | None | -128, 127 |
| CldB1112_TotLRC | Float | Cloud B1112 Total LRC | 2 | None | NA |
| CldB1112_Tot | Float | Cloud B1112 Total | 2 | None | NA |
| CldB8511_TotLRC | Float | Cloud B8511 Total LRC | 2 | None | NA |
| CldB8511_Tot | Float | Cloud B8511 Total | 2 | None | NA |
| EmissCh14_Tot | Float | Emissions Ch14 Total | 2 | None | NA |
| EmissCh11_Tot | Float | Emissions Ch11 Total | 2 | None | NA |
| AshTopTemp | Float | Ash Top Temperature | 2 | Kelvin | 180, 340 |
| AshTopPress | Float | Ash Top Pressure | 2 | hPa | 0, 1100 |
| AshTopHeight | Float | Ash Top Height | 2 | Meters | 0, 30000 |
| AshEmiss | Float | Ash Emissivity at 11um | 2 | None | NA |
| AshEffRad | Float | Ash Effective Particle Size | 2 | Microns | 1, 20 |
| AshOD_VIS | Float | Ash visible optical depth | 2 | None | 1, 100 |
| AshOD_IR | Float | Ash infrared optical depth | 2 | None | 1, 100 |
| AshMassLoading | Float | Ash Mass Loading | 2 | Tons/km ² | 0, 70 |
| AshBeta | Float | Beta value for 11 and 12 microns | 2 | None | NA |
| AshTempErr | Float | Estimated error in ash temperature | 2 | Kelvin | NA |
| AshPressErr | Float | Estimated error in ash pressure | 2 | hPa | NA |
| AshHgtErr | Float | Estimated error in Ash Height | 2 | Meters | NA |

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| Ash_QF | Byte | Ash Retrieval Quality Flag | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| Ash_PQI | Byte | Ash Retrieval Product Quality Information | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| TotMassVolAsh | Float | Total Ash Loading Mass for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | tons/km ² | NA |
| MassLoadingMax | Float | Maximum Ash Loading for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | tons/km ² | NA |
| MassLoadingMin | Float | Minimum Ash Loading for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | tons/km ² | NA |
| MassLoadingMean | Float | Mean Mass Loading for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | tons/km ² | NA |
| MassLoadingStdDev | Float | Standard Deviation of Mass Loading for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | tons/km ² | NA |
| AshCldHgtMax | Float | Maximum Ash Cloud Height for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | Meters | NA |
| AshCldHgtMin | Float | Minimum Ash Cloud Height for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | Meters | NA |
| AshCldHgtMean | Float | Mean Ash Cloud Height for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | Meters | NA |
| AshCldHgtStdDev | Float | Standard Deviation of Ash Cloud Height for Overall Highest Quality Pixels | 0 | Meters | NA |
| DetQF_OverallPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Overall pixels for detection | 0 | Percent | NA |
| DetQF_InvDatPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Invalid data pixels for detection | 0 | Percent | NA |
| DetQF_SatZenPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Satellite | 0 | Percent | NA |

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| | | Zenith pixels for detection | | | |
| DetQF_SingLyrPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Single Layer pixels for detection | 0 | Percent | NA |
| DetQF_MultLyrPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Multiple Layer pixels for detection | 0 | Percent | NA |
| RetQF_OverallPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Overall pixels for retrieval | 0 | Percent | NA |
| RetQF_TcldPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality Cloud Temperature pixels for retrieval | 0 | Percent | NA |
| RetQF_EcldPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality 11 micron emissivity at nadir pixels for retrieval | 0 | Percent | NA |
| RetQF_BcldPerc | Float | Percent of High Quality beta ratio for 11 and 12 micron pixels for retrieval | 0 | Percent | NA |
| TotAttemptedRet | Long | Total Attempted Retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| StartColumn | Long | Start column index | 0 | | |
| StartRow | Long | Start row index | 0 | | |

Table 1-7 Cloud Height Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|-------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90., 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180., 180. |
| CldTopTemp | Float | Cloud Top Temperature | 2 | Kelvin | 180, 340 |
| CldTopPres | Float | Cloud Top Pressure | 2 | hPa | 0, 1100 |
| CldTopHght | Float | Cloud Top Height | 2 | Meter | -300, 20000 |
| CldHgtFlag | Byte | Cloud Height Processing Flag | 3 | None | 0, 6 |
| CldPackedFlag | Byte | Cloud Height Diagnostic Flag | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| CloudHgtQF | Byte | Cloud Height Quality | 2 | None | 0, 6 |

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| | | Flag | | | |
| Conv_Cld_Prob | Float | Convective Cld Prob | 2 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| CloudLayer | Byte | Cloud Layer | 2 | None | 0, 3 |
| InverFlag | Byte | Inversion Flag | 2 | None | 0, 1 |
| TcError | Float | Tc Error | 2 | None | NA |
| PcError | Float | Pc Error | 2 | None | NA |
| ZcError | Float | Zc Error | 2 | None | NA |
| Cost | Float | Cost | 2 | None | NA |
| Cloud_Layer | Byte | Cloud Layer | 2 | None | NA |
| Total_Cloud_Fraction | Float | Total Cloud Fraction | 2 | None | NA |
| Total_Cloud_Fraction_Unc er | Float | Total Cloud Fraction Uncertainty | 2 | None | NA |
| High_Cloud_Fraction | Float | High Cloud Fraction | 2 | None | NA |
| Mid_Cloud_Fraction | Float | Mid Cloud Fraction | 2 | None | NA |
| Low_Cloud_Fraction | Float | Low Cloud Fraction | 2 | None | NA |
| Shadow_Mask | Byte | Shadow Mask | 2 | None | NA |
| MinCldTopTemp | Float | Minimum of cloud top temperature | 0 | Kelvin | NA |
| MaxCldTopTemp | Float | Maximum of cloud top temperature | 0 | Kelvin | NA |
| MeanCldTopTemp | Float | Mean of cloud top temperature | 0 | Kelvin | NA |
| StdDevCldTopTemp | Float | Std Dev of cloud top temperature | 0 | Kelvin | NA |
| MinCldTopPres | Float | Minimum of cloud top pressure | 0 | hPa | NA |
| MaxCldTopPres | Float | Maximum of cloud top pressure | 0 | hPa | NA |
| MeanCldTopPres | Float | Mean of cloud top pressure | 0 | hPa | NA |
| StdDevCldTopPres | Float | Std Dev of cloud top pressure | 0 | hPa | NA |
| MinCldTopHeight | Float | Minimum of cloud top Height | 0 | Meter | NA |
| MaxCldTopHeight | Float | Maximum of cloud top Height | 0 | Meter | NA |
| MeanCldTopHeight | Float | Mean of cloud top Height | 0 | Meter | NA |
| StdDevCldTopHeight | Float | Std Dev of cloud top Height | 0 | Meter | NA |
| NumOfQualityFlag | Long | Number of quality flag | 0 | None | NA |
| TotalCloudPixel | Long | Total Number of detected cloud pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| TerminatorPixPct | Float | Percent of terminator pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |

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| ValidRetrPct | Float | Valid, good converged retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidRetrSpaceViewPct | Float | Invalid pixel due to space view | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidRetrSatZenPct | Float | Invalid pixel due to being outside of sensor zenith range | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidRetrBadDataPct | Float | Invalid earth pixel due to bad data: bad or missing 11 um BT or bad missing clear sky 11 um BT | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidRetrCldMaskPct | Float | Invalid due to cloud mask being clear or probably clear | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidRetrMissCldTypePct | Float | Invalid due to missing cloud type | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidRetrFailedPct | Float | Failed Retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| DayTimePixPct | Float | Percent of daytime pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NightTimePixPct | Float | Percent of nighttime pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| ProcOrder | Byte | Processing order | 2 | None | 0, 4 |
| ChanOn | Byte | Channel On info | 1 | None | NA |
| AchaMode | Long | Acha Mode | 0 | None | None |
| CldTopEmss | Float | Cloud Top Emissivity | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| InverFlag | Byte | Inversion Flag | 2 | 1 | 0, 1 |
| SC_Cld_Prob | Float | Supercooled Cld Prob | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| Shadow_Mask | Byte | Shadow Mask | 2 | 1 | 0,1 |
| TerminatorPixPct | Float | Percent of terminator pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| | | | | | |

Table 1-8 Cloud Mask Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|-------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90., 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180., 180. |
| CloudMask | Byte | Cloud Mask | 2 | None | 0, 3 |
| CloudMaskBinary | Byte | Cloud Mask Binary | 2 | None | 0, 1 |
| CloudMaskPacked | Byte | Diagnostic Cloud Mask | 3 | Noner | -128, 127 |

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| CloudMaskFlag | Byte | Cloud Mask Test | 3 | None | 0, 6 |
| Smoke_Mask | Byte | Smoke Mask | 2 | None | 0, 3 |
| Fire_Mask | Byte | Fire Mask | 2 | None | 0, 3 |
| Dust_Mask | Byte | Dust Mask | 2 | None | 0, 3 |
| CloudMaskQualFlag | Byte | Cloud Mask Quality Flag | 2 | None | 0, 3 |
| CloudProbability | Float | Cloud Probability | 2 | None | 0, 1 |
| ClearProbClear | Float | Percent of Clear and Probably Clear | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NumOfQualityFlag | Long | Number of quality flag | 0 | None | NA |
| Cloudy | Float | Percent of Pixels that passed a test for cloud and failed a test for cloud edge | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| ProbCloudy | Float | Percent of Pixels that passed a test for cloud and passed a test for cloud edge | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| ProbClear | Float | Percent of Pixels that passed no test for cloud but passed tests for spatial heterogeneity | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| Clear | Float | Percent of Pixels that passed no test for cloud and failed a test for spatial heterogeneity | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TotalPixel | Long | Total Number of pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| TerminatorPixPercent | Float | Percent of terminator pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TotalCloudMaskPixel | Long | Total Number of cloud Mask pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| MinClrSkyOBS_RTМ | Float | Minimum observation - RTM for Clear Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |
| MaxClrSkyOBS_RTМ | Float | Maximum observation - RTM for Clear Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |
| MeanClrSkyOBS_RTМ | Float | Mean observation - RTM for Clear Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |
| StdDevClrSkyOBS_RTМ | Float | Std Dev observation | 1 | Kelvin | NA |

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| | | - RTM for Clear Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | | | |
| MinAllSkyOBS_RTM | Float | Minimum observation - RTM for All Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |
| MaxAllSkyOBS_RTM | Float | Maximum observation - RTM for All Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |
| MeanAllSkyOBS_RTM | Float | Mean observation RTM for All Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |
| StdDevAllSkyOBS_RTM | Float | Std Dev observation - RTM for All Sky IR Channel 07 to 16 | 1 | Kelvin | NA |

Table 1-9 Daytime and Nighttime Cloud Microphysics Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|---------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90, 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180, 180. |
| CloudMicroVisOD | Float | Cloud optical depth | 2 | None | 0, 100 |
| CloudMicroVisODMD6 | Float | Cloud optical depth | 2 | None | 0, 100 |
| CloudMicroEffRad | Float | Cloud effective radius | 2 | Micron | 0, 100 |
| CloudMicroEffRadMD6 | Float | Cloud effective radius | 2 | Micron | 0, 100 |
| CloudMicroLWP | Float | Cloud liquid water path | 2 | g/m2 | 0, 5000 |
| CloudMicroIWP | Float | Cloud ice water path | 2 | g/m2 | 0, 5000 |
| CloudMicro_Mode | Long | Cloud micro algorithm mode | 0 | None | 1, 3 |
| CloudMicroFlag | Byte | Cloud Micro Flag | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| ProcessingFlag | Byte | Cloud micro processing flag | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| QualityFlag | Byte | Cloud micro quality flag | 2 | None | 0, 6 |
| DayNightFlag | Long | Day night flag | 0 | None | NA |
| MinOpticalDepth | Float | Minimum of optical depth | 0 | None | 0, 100 |
| MaxOpticalDepth | Float | Maximum of optical | 0 | None | 0, 100 |

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| | | depth | | | |
| meanOpticalDepth | Float | Mean of optical depth | 0 | None | 0, 100 |
| StdDevOpticalDepth | Float | Std Dev of optical depth | 0 | None | 0, 100 |
| MinParticalSize | Float | Minimum of particle size | 0 | Micron | 0, 100 |
| MaxParticalSize | Float | Maximum of particle size | 0 | Micron | 0, 100 |
| MeanParticalSize | Float | Mean of particle size | 0 | Micron | 0, 100 |
| StdDevParticalSize | Float | Std dev of particle size | 0 | Micron | 0, 100 |
| NumOfQualityFlag | Long | Number of quality flag | 0 | None | NA |
| ValidRetrPct | Float | Valid, good quality converged retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| ValidDegradedSnowPct | Float | Valid, quality may be degraded due to snow or sea ice surface | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| ValidDegradedTwilightPct | Float | Valid, but degraded quality due to twilight conditions: solar zenith bwtween 65 and 82 degree | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidCloudFreePct | Float | Invalid due to cloud-free condition | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvlidOutsideRangePct | Float | Invalid pixel due to being outside of observation range | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidMissPct | Float | Invalid pixel due to missing data | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| InvalidFaliedPct | Float | Invalid pixel, DCOMP attempted but failed retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TotalCloudPixel | Float | Total Number of detected cloud pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| DayTimePixPct | Float | Percent of daytime pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NightTimePixPct | Float | Percent of nighttime pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TerminatorPixPct | Float | Percent of terminator pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat00Pct | Float | Good retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat01Pct | Float | Space mask | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat02Pct | Float | Day | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat03Pct | Float | Cloud type indicates | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |

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| | | it is not a cloud | | | |
| NitCat04Pct | Float | Cloud type has an unknown value | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat05Pct | Float | Unrealistic cloud temperature | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat06Pct | Float | No retrieval: minimum error model for water = 0 | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NitCat07Pct | Float | No retrieval: minimum error model for ice = 0 | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |

Table 1-10 Cloud Phase Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|---------------------------|-------|--|-----|---------------|------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90, 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180, 180. |
| CloudPhase | Byte | Cloud phase | 2 | None | 0, 5 |
| CloudType | Byte | Cloud type | 2 | None | 0, 8 |
| CloudTypePacked | Byte | Cloud type diagnostic flag | 3 | None | -128, 127 |
| CloudPhaseFlag | Byte | Cloud phase and type quality flag | 3 | None | 0, 1 |
| NumberOfCloudPhase | Long | Number of cloud phase categories | 0 | None | NA |
| LiquidWaterPct | Float | Percent of liquid water cloud with an opaque cloud temperature greater than 273k | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| SuperCooledLiquidWaterPct | Float | Percent of liquid water topped cloud with an opaque cloud temperature less than 273K | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| MixedPhasePct | Float | Percent of cloud high probability of containing liquid water and ice near cloud top | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| IcePct | Float | Percent of all ice topped clouds | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NumberOfQualFlagVals | Long | Number of quality | 0 | None | NA |

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| | | flag values | | | |
| NumberOfLowQuality | Long | Number of low quality | 0 | None | NA |
| NumberOfHighQuality | Long | Number of high quality | 0 | None | NA |
| TotalCloudPixels | Long | Total number of detected cloud pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| TerminatorPixPct | Float | Percent of terminator pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TermPixCnt | Long | Terminator pixel count | 0 | None | NA |
| TotPixAtpt | Long | Total pixel number attempted | 0 | None | NA |
| ChanOn | Byte | Channel On info | 1 | None | NA |
| AchaMode | Long | Acha Mode | 0 | None | NA |

Table 1-11 Ice Age Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|-------------------|-------|---|-----|---------------|------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90, 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180, 180. |
| IceAge | Short | Ice Age classification numbers(1-8) | 2 | None | 0, 8 |
| IceThickness | Float | Ice thickness | 2 | Meter | 0, 9999 |
| QCFlags | Short | QC flags | 2 | None | NA |
| ProdQuallInfo | Long | Product quality information | 2 | None | NA |
| NumOfQACategories | Long | Number of QA flag values | 0 | None | NA |
| Tot_QACat01 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 1 (normal or optimal) | 0 | None | NA |
| Tot_QACat02 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 2 (uncertain or suboptimal) | 0 | None | NA |
| Tot_QACat03 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 3 (bad or | 0 | None | NA |

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| | | missing) | | | |
| Tot_QACat04 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 4 (non-retrievable) | 0 | None | NA |
| TotWaterPixs | Long | Total number of pixels w. water surface | 0 | None | NA |
| TotRetrPixs | Long | Total number of valid ice thickness and age retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| TermntPixPct | Float | % of terminated ice thickness and age retrievals of all processed pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TotDaytimePixs | Long | Total number of daytime valid retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| TotNighttimePixs | Long | Total number of nighttime valid retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| MeanIceThk | Float | Mean ice thickness retrieval | 0 | Meter | NA |
| MaxIceThk | Float | Max ice thickness retrieval | 0 | Meter | NA |
| MinIceThk | Float | Min ice thickness retrieval | 0 | Meter | NA |
| STDIceThk | Float | Standard deviation of ice thickness retrievals | 0 | Meter | NA |

Table 1-12 Ice Concentration Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|------------------|-------|--|-----|---------------|------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90, 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180, 180. |
| IceMap | Short | Ice Cover map codes numbers(1-8) | 2 | None | -2, 2 |
| IceConc | Float | Ice concentration | 2 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| IceSrfTemp | Float | Ice surface temp | 2 | Kelvin | 100, 390 |
| QCFlags | Long | Quality control flags | 2 | None | NA |
| SearchWindowSize | Long | Pixel size of search window to determine | 0 | None | NA |

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| | | tie-point | | | |
| TotWaterPixs | Long | Total number of pixels w. water surface | 0 | None | NA |
| TotIceRetrvls | Long | Total number of valid ice cover and concentration retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| IceRetrPct | Float | % of valid ice cover and concentration retrievals of all water pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TotIceTermnt | Long | Total number of terminated ice cover and concentration retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| IceTermntPct | Float | % of terminated ice cover and concentration retrievals of all processed pixels | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TotDaytimePixs | Long | Total number of daytime valid retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| TotNighttimePixs | Long | Total number of nighttime valid retrievals | 0 | None | NA |
| MeanIceConc | Float | Mean ice concentration retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| MaxIceConc | Float | Max ice concentration retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| MinIceConc | Float | Min ice concentration retrieval | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| STDIceConc | Float | Standard deviation of ice concentration retrievals | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| NumOfQACategories | Long | Number of QA flag values | 0 | None | NA |
| Tot_QACat01 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 1 (normal or optimal) | 0 | None | NA |
| Tot_QACat02 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 2 | 0 | None | NA |

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| | | (uncertain or suboptimal) | | | |
| Tot_QACat03 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 3 (non-retrievable) | 0 | None | NA |
| Tot_QACat04 | Long | Total number of pixels with QA category 4 (bad data) | 0 | None | NA |

Table 1-13 Snow Cover Output File

| Variable | Type | Description | Dim | Units | Range |
|---------------------|-------|---|-----|---------------|------------|
| Latitude | Float | Pixel latitude in field latitude | 2 | Degrees north | -90, 90. |
| Longitude | Float | Pixel longitude in field longitude | 2 | Degrees east | -180, 180. |
| SnowMask | Byte | Snow mask | 2 | None | NA |
| SnowMaskQuality | Byte | Snow mask quality | 2 | None | NA |
| SnowFraction | Byte | Snow fraction | 2 | None | NA |
| SnowFractionQuality | Byte | Snow mask binary | 2 | None | NA |
| SnowProbability | Short | Snow probability | 2 | None | NA |
| MinReflectance | Float | Min reflectance in bands 1 and 2 to perform snow identification | 0 | None | NA |
| MaxReflectance | Float | Max reflectance in bands 1 and 2 to perform snow identification | 0 | None | 150, 250 |
| MinBrightTemp | Float | Min temperature in bands 4 and 5 to perform snow identification | 0 | Kelvin | NA |
| MaxBrightTemp | Float | Max temperature in bands 4 and 5 to perform snow identification | 0 | Kelvin | 350, 450 |
| MaxSolarZenith | Float | Max solar zenith angle to perform snow identification | 0 | Degrees | 80, 87 |
| MaxSnowTemp | Float | Snow max temperature threshold | 0 | Kelvin | 280, 293 |

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| MinVisibleReflect | Float | Snow min visible reflectance threshold | 0 | None | 5, 15 |
| MaxSwirReflect | Float | Snow max shortwave IR reflectance threshold | 0 | None | 10, 30 |
| MaxMirReflect | Float | Snow max midIR reflectance | 0 | None | 4, 6 |
| MinNdvi | Float | Snow min ndvi threshold value | 0 | None | -0.5, 0 |
| R1ObservGeomCorrCoeff 1 | Float | r1 observation geometry correction coefficient 1 | 0 | None | NA |
| R1ObservGeomCorrCoeff 2 | Float | r1 observation geometry correction coefficient 2 | 0 | None | NA |
| R1ObservGeomCorrCoeff 3 | Float | r1 observation geometry correction coefficient 3 | 0 | None | NA |
| R1TempCorrCoeff1 | Float | r1 correction coefficient 1 for surface temperature | 0 | None | NA |
| R1TempCorrCoeff2 | Float | r1 correction coefficient 2 for surface temperature | 0 | None | NA |
| R1TempCorrCoeff3 | Float | r1 correction coefficient 3 for surface temperature | 0 | None | NA |
| R1NdviCorrCoeff1 | Float | r1 correction coefficient 1 for ndvi | 0 | None | NA |
| R1NdviCorrCoeff2 | Float | r1 correction coefficient 2 for ndvi | 0 | None | NA |
| R1NdviCorrCoeff3 | Float | r1 correction coefficient 3 for ndvi | 0 | None | NA |
| SnowClimTestFlag | Long | Flag to turn on/off the snow climatology test | 0 | None | NA |
| LstClimTestFlag | Long | Flag to turn on/off the lst climatology test | 0 | None | NA |
| SpatConsTestFlag | Long | Flag to turn on/off the spatial consistency test | 0 | None | NA |
| TempUnifTestFlag | Long | Flag to turn on/off the lst spatial variation test | 0 | None | NA |
| TempOffset | Float | Temperature offset for LST climatology test | 0 | None | NA |

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| WinSizeSpatCons | Long | Sliding window size for spatial consistency test | 0 | None | NA |
| WinSizeTempUnif | Long | Sliding window size for temperature uniformity test | 0 | None | NA |
| MaxFracClearPix | Float | Max fraction (%) of clear pixels within the window for consistency test | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| PixElevThresh | Float | Pixel elevation threshold to apply temperature uniformity test | 0 | None | NA |
| FracWarmerPix | Float | Fraction (%) of warmer pixels to reject snow with a temperature uniformity test | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| TempUnifOffset | Float | Temperature difference to identify warmer pixels to reject snow with a temperature uniformity test | 0 | Kelvin | NA |
| NumTiePoints | Long | Number of tie points in NDVI/NDSI threshold test | 0 | None | 1, 10 |
| NdviNdsiTiePoints | Byte | Tie-point values for NDVI/NDSI test | 0 | None | NA |
| NumPixFlags | Long | Number of pixel flags | 0 | None | NA |
| SnowFreeLandFlagVal | Byte | Snow-free land pixel flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| SnowFlagVal | Byte | Snow-covered land pixel flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| WaterFlagVal | Byte | Water pixel flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| CloudFlagVal | Byte | Cloudy pixel flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| UndetermFlagVal | Byte | Undetermined pixel flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| UnclassFlagVal | Byte | Unclassified pixel flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| DarkPixFlagVal | Byte | Dark (insufficient daylight) pixel flag value1 | 0 | None | NA |

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|-----------------|------|--|---|------|----|
| BadDataFlagVal | Byte | VIIRS bad pixel data flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| FillValueFlag | Byte | No VIIRS coverage pixel flag value (fill value) | 0 | None | NA |
| RejSnowFlagVal1 | Byte | Rejected snow pixel (snow climatology) flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| RejSnowFlagVal2 | Byte | Rejected snow pixel (temperature climatology) flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| RejSnowFlagVal3 | Byte | Rejected snow pixel (spatial consistency) flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| RejSnowFlagVal4 | Byte | Rejected snow pixel (temperature uniformity) flag value | 0 | None | NA |
| RejSnowFlagVal5 | Byte | Rejected snow pixel spare | 0 | None | NA |
| NumTotalPix | Long | Total number of pixels processed | 0 | None | NA |
| NumMissPix | Long | Number of data pixels with unavailable SDR | 0 | None | NA |
| NumBadPix | Long | Number of data pixels with corrupted/invalid SDR | 0 | None | NA |
| NumWaterPix | Long | Number of water pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumDarkPix | Long | Total number of dark pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumCloudPix | Long | Number of cloudy pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumClearPix | Long | Number of cloud-clear land pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumLandPix | Long | Number of land pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumUndetermPix | Long | Number of undetermined pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumUnclassPix | Long | Number of unclassified pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumSnowPix | Long | Number of snow-covered pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumNoSnowPix | Long | Number of snow-free land pixels | 0 | None | NA |

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|-------------------|-------|--|---|------|------|
| NumGoodPix | Long | Number of good land pixels where snow cover identification was attempted | 0 | None | NA |
| NumConfSnowPix | Long | Total number of confirmed snow pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumRejSnowPix | Long | Total number of rejected snow pixels | 0 | None | NA |
| NumRejSnowClimPix | Long | Number of snow pixels rejected by the snow climatology test | 0 | None | NA |
| NumRejLstClimPix | Long | Number of snow pixels rejected by the 1st climatology test | 0 | None | NA |
| NumRejSpatConsPix | Long | Number of snow pixels rejected by spatial consistency test | 0 | None | NA |
| NumRejTempUnifPix | Long | Number of snow pixels rejected by temperature uniformity test | 0 | None | NA |
| FractionLandPix | Float | Fraction of land pixels of all pixels in the granule | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FractionSnowPix | Float | Fraction of snow pixels of all pixels in the granule | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FractionValidPix | Float | Fraction of valid SDR pixels | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FractionCloudPix | Float | Fraction of cloud pixels of all pixels in the granule | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FractionNoDataPix | Float | Fraction of pixels with no valid SDR of all pixels in the granule | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FractionWaterPix | Float | Fraction of water pixels in the granule | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FractionDarkPix | Float | Fraction of pixels with solar zenith angle above the limit | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FracMax | Float | Max snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |

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|-------------------------|-------|---|---|---------|--------|
| FracMean | Float | Mean snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FracMin | Float | Min snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FracStdDev | Float | Standard deviation of snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| FracRtrvdPct | Float | Fraction of pixels for which snow fraction was retrieved | 0 | Percent | 0, 100 |
| FracRtrvdTtl | Float | Total number of pixels for which snow fraction was retrieved | 0 | 1 | NA |
| NDSIFracMax | Float | NDSI max snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| NDSIFracMean | Float | NDSI mean snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| NDSIFracMin | Float | NDSI min snow cover fraction | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| NDSIFracRtrvdPct | Float | NDSI fraction of pixels for which snow fraction was retrieved | 0 | None | 0, 1 |
| NDSIFracRtrvdTtl | Float | NDSI total number of pixels for which snow fraction was retrieved | 0 | 1 | NA |
| NDSIFracStdDev | Float | NDSI standard deviation of snow cover fractions | 0 | None | NA |
| NDSISnowFraction | Float | NDSI-based snow fraction | 2 | None | 0, 1 |
| NDSISnowFractionQuality | Byte | NDSI-based snow fraction quality | 2 | None | 0, 1 |
| | | | | | |

State the procedures that should be followed for obtaining near real time (NRT) and archived product data files. This information may be in the developer's Operations Concept Document (OCD). Refer to the OCD in the developer's project artifact repository, if available. (*Document Object 46, PAL*)

2. ALGORITHM

2.1. Algorithm Overview

The JPSS RR products are generated from the Cloud, Aerosol, and Cryosphere algorithms located within the framework. The Cloud algorithms include Cloud Mask, Cloud Phase, Cloud Height, Daytime Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties (DCOMP), and Nighttime Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties (NCOMP). The Aerosol algorithms include Aerosol Detection, Aerosol Optical Depth, and Volcanic Ash. The Cryosphere algorithms include Snow Cover, Ice Concentration, and Ice Thickness and Age.

These algorithms run inside a system of supporting software. This is the AIT-Framework system or the GOES-R Algorithm Working Group (AWG) Product Processing System Framework. The Framework has been developed to be plug-and-play system for GOES-R and VIIRS scientific algorithms enabling the development and testing of the Level 2 GOES-R and VIIRS products within a single system. Many of the VIIRS products originated as GOES-R products but have been adapted for the VIIRS satellites. The system has been created to run products and store them in memory to be used as inputs for other products: i.e. product precedence. Common ancillary data has been used by the algorithms and the ancillary data is also stored in memory and treated as precedence for the products. Within the Framework system, the RR algorithms have flexible interface designs that allow the different types of instruments/satellite data sets. Therefore the RR algorithms are the same for GOES-R products and corresponding JPSS RR products.

2.1.1 Pre-Processing Steps

For JPSS RR, there are two steps in order to generate the VIIRS products: The pre-processing step and main-processing step. The main purposes of the preprocessing are to do the data gap filling and HDF5-to-NetCDF4 conversion.

During Preprocessing steps, JPSS RR software first reads in the system PCF file. Next JPSS software converts the HDF5 format VIIRS data to NetCDF4 format and performs data gap filling, then generates/writes out Framework output of SDR data and ancillary products by calling the Framework program. For detailed information about the preprocessing steps, please refer JPSS RR System Maintenance Manual.

2.2. Input Data Files

This section describes the input data files required by the JPSS RR system, including the satellite data, the ancillary data required by the AIT-framework to generate the products, as well as the algorithm specified coefficient files, etc. All of these files are defined in the system PCF files through the File-Handle-Name (the left side of the equal sign in the PCF file).

The JPSS RR system requires AIT-framework configuration files (CFG) and process control files (PCF) in text format.

An AIT-framework CFG file is required to run the AIT-framework program and in the CFG file, a number of AIT-framework PCF files are specified. The data is passed to the AIT-framework program through the Framework-CFG and Framework-PCF files by specifying the data files in these Framework-CFG and PCF.

2.2.1. Satellite Data Files

To generate JPSS RR products, VIIRS satellite pixel files in NetCDF4 format are required.

It only uses whichever I or M band data is required to run the JPSS RR system. They are VIIRS Science Data Records (SDR) Moderate Resolution Band 01 -16 SVM01-16, Terrain Corrected Geolocation data GMCTO, VIIRS SDR Imagery Bands 01-05 SVI01-05, and VIIRS Image Bands SDR Terrain Corrected Geolocation data GICTO. The Bayesian CloudMask algorithm uses I band 1/4/5 resolution to produce the dust mask. These data files are the VIIRS input to the JPSS RR system. All of these files are in HDF5 format and are generated by the IDPS system at NDE. The details of the File-Handle-Name in the system's PCF and the corresponding satellite data files are listed in JPSS RR System Maintenance Manual.

2.3. Ancillary Data Files Required by AIT-framework

The ancillary files are in NetCDF format, except for the CRTM coefficient files, which are in binary format. Each of the three product categories requires some ancillary files. The Cloud products require NWP GFS data, NWP Snow Mask, 1km NASA Land Mask, 1km NASA Coast Mask, Desert Mask, AVHRR Surface Type, 1km Surface Elevation, Seebor Surface Emissivity, Surface Albedo, Pseudo Emissivity, OISST, and CRTM. The Aerosol products require 1km NASA Land Mask, Desert Mask, NWP GFS data, and NWP Snow Mask. The

Cryosphere products require Land Mask, Surface Elevation, and Climatic LST. In addition, all of the products require ancillary data for the VIIRS SDR reader. These ancillary products are described below.

2.3.1. Land Mask

The land mask is derived from the NASA EOS project supplied static dataset as well as World Vector Shoreline data and DTED DEM data provided by NIMA (then DMA) and bathymetric data provided by the oceanographic community.

The original global binary file, version 3, produced in 2003 by Robert Wolfe, was converted to NetCDF and HDF for usage in the framework. Resolution: The land/ocean mask is stored in a 1 km geographic (geodetic) projection.

Filename: lw_geo_2001001_v03m.nc

Origin: Created by SSEC/CIMSS based on NASA MODIS collection 5

Size: 890 MB.

Static/Dynamic: Static

Values:

- 0 = Shallow ocean
- 1 = Land (Nothing else but land)
- 2 = Ocean coastlines and lake shorelines
- 3 = Shallow inland water
- 4 = Ephemeral water
- 5 = Deep inland water
- 6 = Moderate or continental ocean
- 7 = Deep ocean

2.3.2. Coast Mask

The coast mask is created from the land/water mask and differentiates coast at resolutions ranging from 1 – 10 km. It is produced by searching for heterogeneity in concentric boxes 3x3 (1 km) up to 21x21 (10 km) of pixels centered on any given pixel.

Resolution: The coast mask is stored in a 1 km geographic (geodetic) equal area projection.

Filename: coast_mask_1km.nc

Origin: Created by SSEC/CIMSS based upon NASA MODIS collection 5.

Size: 890 MB.

Static/Dynamic: Static

Values: A value of 1 means that the pixel 1km away is a water/land transition or is a water/land transition. 0 is considered the fill value of the coast mask.

2.3.3. NWP Snow Mask

The NWP Snow Mask ancillary algorithm generates the Snow Mask from the following ancillary products: GFS NWP Data (section 2.3.10), Land Mask (section 2.3.1), and OISST Daily Data (section 2.3.11).

2.3.4. Calculated Desert Mask

The Calculated Desert Mask uses two ancillary products to generate the desert mask: Land Mask (section 2.3.1), and Surface Type (section 2.3.7). A value of 0 means no desert, 1 is wooden grass, closed shrubs, open shrubs, grasses, or cropland, and 2 is bare surface.

2.3.5. Surface Elevation Mask

The digital surface elevation is Global Land One-km Base Elevation (GLOBE) Project 1km database global file converted into a file format readable by the framework.

Resolution: The surface elevation is stored as meters in a Plate Carrée projection at 30 arc-second (1km) resolution.

Filename: GLOBE_1km_digelev.nc

Origin: NGDC

Size: 1843.2 MB

Static/Dynamic: Static

2.3.6. Climatic LST

The Climatic Land Surface Temperature (LST) product is monthly-averaged mean surface temperatures over the globe at 2.5 degree resolution. The data is from the International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project (ISCCP). Data is interpolated between two consecutive months to arrive at an average of the date of the satellite data. The temperature is in degrees K, and the twelve input NetCDF datasets are in the following format:

climatic_1st_month_XX.nc, where XX is the two digit number of the month (01 to 12). Each file is 47 K in size.

2.3.7. Surface Emissivity SEEBOR

The surface IR emissivity for ABI bands from UW-Madison baseline fit database. This is a global database of monthly (001-031, 032-059, etc.) IR land surface emissivity derived from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) operational land surface emissivity product (MOD11). Emissivity is available globally at ten wavelengths (3.6, 4.3, 5.0, 5.8, 7.6, 8.3, 9.3, 10.8, 12.1, and 14.3 μm). Monthly emissivities have been integrated into the ABI spectral response functions to match the ABI bands. The SEEBOR emissivity training set was interpolated over the spectral response function for a given channel at each data point. These are then output to a static file for usage in the framework. For the production of the test dataset, the ABI SRFs, provided by the Imagery AWG, were used to produce the static emissivity dataset.

Resolution: 0.05 degree (5km) spatial resolution

Filename: global_emiss_intABI_YYYYDDD.nc where, YYYYDDD = year plus Julian day

Origin: UW Baseline Fit, Seeman and Borbas (2006).

Size: 693 MB x 12

Static/Dynamic: Dynamic

Values: The emissivities are fractional values scaled with a scale factor of 0.001 and have fill value of -9999. Generally, the data points that are the fill value are ocean or water pixels.

Surface emissivity at 5km resolution (climatologically monthly), required by AIT Framework is listed in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Surface Emissivity Data

| File Name | Description | Size (MB) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| global_emiss_intABI_2005001.nc | SEEBOR data for January | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005032.nc | SEEBOR data for February | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005060.nc | SEEBOR data for March | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005091.nc | SEEBOR data for April | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005121.nc | SEEBOR data for May | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005152.nc | SEEBOR data for June | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005182.nc | SEEBOR data for July | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005213.nc | SEEBOR data for August | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005244.nc | SEEBOR data for September | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005274.nc | SEEBOR data for October | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005305.nc | SEEBOR data for November | 693 |
| global_emiss_intABI_2005335.nc | SEEBOR data for December | 693 |

2.3.8. Surface Type Mask

A global land cover classification collection created by The University of Maryland Department of Geography. Imagery from the AVHRR satellites acquired between 1981 and 1994 was used to distinguish fourteen land cover classes and was updated in 2001. The original binary file is available at:

Resolution: This product is available at 1 km resolution in a 1 km geographic (geodetic) equal area projection.

The data are arranged with the upper left hand corner having a latitude/longitude of 90.0, -180.0 and lower right corner with a latitude/longitude of 90S, 180.0.

Filename: gl-latlong-1km-landcover.nc

Origin: University of Maryland

Size: 890 MB

Static/Dynamic: Static

Values:

- 0 = Water
- 1 = Evergreen Needleleaf Forest
- 2 = Evergreen Broadleaf Forest
- 3 = Deciduous Needleleaf Forest
- 4 = Deciduous Broadleaf Forest
- 5 = Mixed Forests
- 6 = Woodland
- 7 = Wooded Grassland
- 8 = Closed Shrubland
- 9 = Open Shrubland
- 10 = Grasslands
- 11 = Cropland
- 12 = Bare Ground
- 13 = Urban and Built-Up

2.3.9. CRTM Coefficients

CRTM coefficient files for VIIRS data, required by AIT Framework, are shown in Table 2-2.

Table 2-2 CRTM Coefficient Data

| File Name | Description | Size (KB) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| AerosolCoeff.bin | Aerosol Coeff data for CRTM | 5766260 |
| CloudCoeff.bin | Cloud Coeff data for CRTM | 1654180 |
| EmisCoeff.bin | Emissivity Coeff data for CRTM | 1888256 |
| viirs-m_npp.SpcCoeff.bin | Space Coeff data for NPP VIIRS-M | 472 |
| viirs-m_npp.TauCoeff.bin | Tau Coeff data for NPP VIIRS-M | 105704 |

2.3.10. Ancillary Data for VIIRS SDR Reader

These two files contain NPP VIIRS 16 M-band and I-band channel information, Planck coefficients and spectral ranges. It is used by the framework SDR Data Readers.

File Name: npp_viirs_ancil.lbands.nc
Size: 2240 KB

File Name: npp_viirs_ancil.Mbands.nc
Size: 2258 KB

Ancillary data contains information such as channel mapping.

File Name: npp_viirs_ancil.nc
Size: 2312 KB

2.3.11. NWP Data - GFS GRIB2 Forecast Files

These are GFS 6-hour global forecast data files at 0.5 degree resolution in GRIB2 format from NCEP.

File Name: *gfs.t\${Hour}z.pgrbf\${Forecast}.YYYYMMDD*
Size: 51~52 MB

2.3.12. Desert Mask

The desert mask uses the NASA 1km land mask and 1km surface type ancillary algorithms to calculate the desert mask. A value of '0' denotes no desert, '1' refers to wooden grass, closed shrubs, open shrubs, grasses, or croplands, and '2' is desert. There are no external files associated specifically with this algorithm.

2.3.13. Surface Albedo

The surface albedo provides a global estimate of the cloud-clear white sky reflectance from 2004 MODIS data. The albedo is an averaged value over a seventeen day period. There are three wavelengths, 0.659 um, 1.64 um, and 2.13 um.

Filenames:

AlbMap.WS.c004.v2.0.2004.DDD.0.659_x4.nc

AlbMap.WS.c004.v2.0.2004.DDD.1.64_x4.nc

AlbMap.WS.c004.v2.0.2004.DDD.2.13_x4.nc

Where DDD is the Julian day of the year, which ranges from 001 to 353 in increments of 17. There are a total of 66 files. Each file is 28 MB in size.

2.3.14. Pseudo Emissivity

The pseudo emissivity uses the Plank function to calculate the channel 7 emissivity. There are no external files associated with this algorithm.

2.3.15. OISST Daily Data

It is the Reynolds OISST daily analysis at 0.25 degree resolution from NCDC

File Name: avhrr-only-v2.YYYYMMDD_preliminary.nc

Size: 8.0 MB

3. PERFORMANCE

3.1. Product Testing

3.1.1. Test Data

Description of all JPSS RR test data (input, output, and intermediate) used in unit and system tests is provided in the JPSS RR Algorithm Readiness Review and Test Readiness Document (NESDIS/STAR, 2015). These are available by contacting the JPSS RR Product Area Lead (PAL) at OSPO.

3.1.2. Test Plans

Description of all JPSS RR test plans used in unit and system tests is provided in the JPSS RR Algorithm Readiness Review and Test Readiness Document (NESDIS/STAR, 2014). These are available by contacting the JPSS RR Product Area Lead (PAL) at OSPO.

3.2. Product Accuracy

3.2.1. Test Results

Description of all JPSS RR test results from the unit and system tests is provided in the JPSS RR Algorithm Readiness Review and Test Readiness Document (NESDIS/STAR 2014). These are available by contacting the JPSS RR Product Area Lead (PAL) at OSPO.

3.2.2. Product Accuracy

JPSS RR products have been validated against observations. The accuracy and precision of the JPSS RR products fall well within the accuracy and precision specifications. The detailed validations are available at Algorithm Readiness Review by contacting the JPSS RR Product Area Lead (PAL) at OSPO.

3.3. Product Quality

Quality flags are expected to be zero, which means no error. Each failure is associated with a unique “flag” value that is saved in the JPSS RR output files. These values are shown in Tables 3-1 to Table 3-12 for the algorithms.

Table 3-1: Cloud Mask Failure Codes.

| Cloud Mask Quality Control Codes | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| QC_Flag | Definition |
| 0 | Good |
| 1 | Invalid pixel due to space view |
| 2 | Invalid pixel due to being outside of sensor zenith range |
| 3 | Invalid earth pixel due to bad data (bad or missing 11mm BT or bad/missing clear sky 11 mm BT) |
| 4 | Reduced quality Cloud mask (bad 3.9mm pixel) |
| 5 | Reduced quality 0.64mm tests |
| 6 | Reduced quality due to other bad channels (excluding 0.64, 3.9, or 11 mm) |

Table 3-2: Cloud Phase/Type Quality Flags.

| Cloud Phase/Type Quality Control Codes | | |
|--|--|--|
| Bit | Definition | Bit Interpretation |
| 1 | Overall cloud phase product quality flag – the overall quality will be set to “low quality” if any of the more specific quality flags listed below are set to “low quality” | 0 = high quality 1 = low quality |
| 2 | L1b quality flag – this will be set to “low quality” if any of the spectral data used in the algorithms is of low quality, based on L1b calibration flags | 0 = high quality spectral data 1 = low quality spectral data |
| 3 | Beta quality flag – this will be set to “low quality” if $\beta_{\text{stropo}}(12/11\mu\text{m})$, $\beta_{\text{sopaque}}(12/11\mu\text{m})$, $\beta_{\text{stropo}}(8.5/11\mu\text{m})$, or $\beta_{\text{sopaque}}(8.5/11\mu\text{m})$ fall outside of the 0.1 – 10.0 range | 0 = high quality beta calculation 1 = low quality beta calculation |
| 4 | Ice cloud quality flag – this will be set to “low quality” if the cloud phase was determined to be ice and the $\epsilon_{\text{stropo}}(11\mu\text{m}) < 0.05$ | 0 = ice cloud determination based on strong radiative signal 1 = ice cloud determination based on weak radiative signal (low quality) |
| 5 | Surface emissivity quality flag – this will be set to “low quality” if the result of the Low Surface Emissivity (LSE) Test is TRUE and | 0 = surface emissivity does NOT significantly impact product quality |

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|---|--|--|
| | the result of the Overall Opaque Cloud (OOC) Test is FALSE | 1 = surface emissivity significantly impacts product quality (low quality) |
| 6 | Satellite zenith angle quality flag – this will be set to “low quality” if the cosine of the satellite zenith angle is less than 0.15 (~82 degrees) | 0 = satellite zenith angle does NOT significantly impact product quality 1 = satellite zenith angle significantly impacts product quality (low quality) |
| | | |

Table 3-3: Cloud Height Failure Codes.

| Cloud Height Quality Control Codes | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| QC_Flag | Definition |
| 0 | Good |
| 1 | Invalid pixel due to space view |
| 2 | Invalid pixel due to being outside of sensor zenith range |
| 3 | Invalid earth pixel due to bad data (bad or missing 11mm BT or bad/missing clear sky 11 mm BT) |
| 4 | Invalid due to cloud mask being clear or probably clear |
| 5 | Invalid due to missing cloud type |
| 6 | Failed retrieval |

Table 3-4: DCOMP Failure Codes.

| DCOMP Quality Control Codes | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| QC_Flag | Definition |
| 0 | Valid, Quality may be degraded due to snow or sea-ice |
| 1 | Valid, Quality may be degraded due to twilight conditions |
| 2 | Valid, but degraded quality due to twilight conditions (solar zenith between 65 and 82 degree) |
| 3 | Invalid due to cloud-free condition |
| 4 | Invalid pixel due to being outside of observation range |
| 5 | Invalid pixel due to missing input data |
| 6 | Invalid pixel, DCOMP attempted but failed retrieval |

Table 3-5: Cloud Phase/Type Quality Flags.

| NCOMP Control Codes | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Bit | Quality Flag Name | Cause and effect |
| <i>Angle restriction flags</i> | | |
| 1 | QC_CYCLE_VZA | Viewing Zenith Angle >= 72.0 |
| 2 | QC_CYCLE | Solar Zenith Angle < 82.0 |
| <i>Ancillary Data Flags</i> | | |
| 3 | QC_CYCLE_NOCLOUD | Cloud Type indicates it is not a cloud |
| 4 | QC_CYCLE_CLOUDTYPE | Cloud Type has an unknown value |
| 5 | QC_CYCLE_TCLOUD | Cloud Temperature is < 0.0 |
| <i>No Retrieval Flags</i> | | |
| 6 | QC_MINERR_WATER_0 | No retrieval: Minimum error model for water = 0 |
| 7 | QC_MINERR_ICE_0 | No retrieval: Minimum error model for ice = 0 |
| <i>Valid Retrieval Flags</i> | | |
| 8 | QC__TWILIGHT_ | 82.0 <= Solar Zenith Angle < 90.0 |
| 9 | QC_CTWATER_NCOMPICE | Cloud Type = water, NCOMP preferred phase = ice |
| 10 | QC_CTICE_NCOMPWATER | Cloud Type = ice, NCOMP preferred phase = water |
| 11 | QC_CTMIX_NCOMPWATER | Cloud Type = mixed, NCOMP preferred phase = water |
| 12 | QC_CTMIX_NCOMPICE | Cloud Type = mixed, NCOMP preferred phase = ice |
| 13 | QC__NCOMPWATER | Cloud Type = supercooled, NCOMP preferred phase = water |
| 14 | QC__NCOMPICE | Cloud Type = supercooled, NCOMP preferred phase = ice |

Table 3-6: Aerosol Detection Failure Codes.

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| Aerosol Detection Quality Control Codes |
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| Byte/Bit | Quality flag name | Meaning | | |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------|
| | | 1bit: 0 (default) | 1 | |
| | | 2bit: 00 (default) | 01 | 11 |
| 0 | QC_SMOKE_DETECTION | Determined (good) | not Determined(bad) | |
| 1 | QC_DUST_DETECTION | Determined(good) | not Determined(bad) | |
| 2-3 | QC_SMOKE_CONFIDENCE | Low | Medium | High |
| 4-5 | QC_DUST_CONFIDENCE | Low | Medium | High |
| 6 | SPARE | | | |
| 7 | SPARE | | | |

Table 3-7: Aerosol Optical Depth Failure Codes.

| Aerosol Optical Depth Quality Control Codes | | | |
|---|------|-------------------|---|
| Byte | Bits | Quality Flag Name | Meaning |
| 1: Input Geometry Quality Flag | 0 | QC_INPUT_LON | 0: valid longitude (-180 - 180°) 1: out-of-range longitude |
| | 1 | QC_INPUT_LAT | 0: valid latitude (-90 - 90°) 1: out-of-range latitude |
| | 2 | QC_INPUT_ELEV | 0: valid elevation (-2 – 10 km) 1: out-of-range elevation |
| | 3 | QC_INPUT_SOLZEN | 0: valid solar zenith (0 - 90°) 1: out-of-range solar zenith |
| | 4 | QC_INPUT_SATZEN | 0: valid satellite zenith (0 - 90°) 1: out-of-range satellite zenith |
| | 5 | QC_INPUT_SOLAZI | 0: valid solar azimuth (0 - 180°) 1: out-of-range solar azimuth |
| | 6 | QC_INPUT_SATAZI | 0: valid satellite azimuth (0 - 180°) 1: out-of-range satellite azimuth |
| 2: Input Ancillary Data Flag | 0 | QC_INPUT_TPW | 00: constant TPW data (2.0 cm) 01: valid TPW data from ABI retrieval (0-20 cm) 10: valid TPW data from model (0-20 cm) |
| | 1 | | |
| | 2 | QC_INPUT_OZONE | 00: constant ozone data (0.35 atm-cm) 01: valid ozone data from ABI retrieval (0.0 – 0.7 atm-cm) 10: valid ozone data from model (0.0 – 0.7 atm-cm) |
| | 3 | | |
| | 4 | | QC_INPUT__PRES |
| | 5 | QC_INPUT_HGT | 0: valid model surface height (-2 – 10 km) 1: constant surface height (0 km) |
| | 6 | QC_INPUT_WSP | 0: valid model surface wind speed (0 – 100 m/s) 1: constant surface wind speed (6 m/s) |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| | 7 | QC_INPUT_WDR | 0: model surface wind direction (0° - 360°) 1: fixed surface wind direction (90°) |
| 3: Input Reflectance Data Flag | 0 | QC_INPUT_REFL_CH1 | 0: valid ABI reflectance in band 1 (0 – 1) 1: out-of-range ABI reflectance in band 1 |
| | 1 | QC_INPUT_REFL_CH2 | 0: valid ABI reflectance in band 2 (0 – 1) 1: out-of-range ABI reflectance in band 2 |
| | 2 | QC_INPUT_REFL_CH3 | 0: valid ABI reflectance in band 3 (0 – 1) 1: out-of-range ABI reflectance in band 3 |
| | 3 | QC_INPUT_REFL_CH5 | 0: valid ABI reflectance in band 5 (0 – 1) 1: out-of-range ABI reflectance in band 5 |
| | 4 | QC_INPUT_REFL_CH6 | 0: valid ABI reflectance in band 6 (0 – 1) 1: out-of-range ABI reflectance in band 6 |
| 4: Critical Path Flag | 0 | QC_CLOUD_MASK | 0: clear sky 1: cloudy sky |
| | 1 | QC_RET_SCENE | 0: over-land algorithm is used 1: over-water algorithm is used |
| | 2 | QC_LAND_TYPE | 0: vegetation 1: soil |
| | 3 | QC_LAND_BRISFC | 0: dark surface 1: bright surface |
| | 4 | QC_LAND_SNOW | 0: no snow contamination 1: with snow contamination |
| | 5 | QC__WATER_GLINT | 0: no sunglint contamination 1: with sunglint contamination |
| 5: AOD Product Quality Flag | 0 | QC_RET | 0: AOD is retrieved 1: AOD is not retrieved |
| | 1 | QC_RET_EXTRP | 0: interpolation within LUT AOD range 1: extrapolation of AOD used |
| | 2 | QC_OUT_SPEC | 0: within F&PS specification range 1: out of F&PS specification range |
| | 3 | QC_LOWSUN | 0: solar zenith angle not larger than 80° 1: solar zenith angle larger than 80° |
| | 4 | QC_LOWSAT | 0: local zenith angle not larger than 60° 1: local zenith angle larger than 60° |

Table 3-8: Volcanic Ash Detection Quality Flags.

| Volcanic Ash Detection Quality Control Codes | | | |
|--|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| Byte | Bit | Name | Values |
| 1 | 1 | Overall QF | 0 – High Quality 1 – Low Quality |
| 1 | 2 | Invalid Data QF | 0 – High Quality 1 – Low Quality |
| 1 | 3 | Local Zenith Angle QF | 0 – High Quality 1 – Low Quality |
| 1 | 4-6 | Ash Single Layer Confidence QF | 0 – High |

| | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 – Moderate 2 – Low 3 – Very Low 4 – Not-Ash |
| 1 | 7-8 | Spare | n/a |
| 2 | 1-3 | Ash Multi Layer Confidence QF | 0 – High 1 – Moderate 2 – Low 3 – Very Low 4 – Not-Ash |

Table 3-9: Volcanic Ash Retrieval Quality Flags.

| Volcanic Ash Retrieval Quality Control Codes | | | |
|--|-----|------------------------------|---|
| Byte | Bit | Name | Values |
| 1 | 1-2 | Retrieval Status | 0 - Successful 1 - Failed 2 - Not Attempted |
| 1 | 3-4 | T_{cld} QF | 0 – High Quality 1 – Medium Quality 2 – Low Quality |
| 1 | 5-6 | ϵ_{cld} QF | 0 – High Quality 1 – Medium Quality 2 – Low Quality |
| 1 | 7-8 | $\beta(12/11\mu\text{m})$ QF | 0 – High Quality 1 – Medium Quality 2 – Low Quality |
| 2 | 1-4 | Ash Particle Size | 0 – < 2 μm 1 – ≥ 2 – < 3 μm 2 – ≥ 3 – < 4 μm 3 – ≥ 4 – < 5 μm 4 – ≥ 5 – < 6 μm 5 – ≥ 6 – < 7 μm 6 – ≥ 7 – < 8 μm 7 – ≥ 8 – < 9 μm 8 – ≥ 9 – < 10 μm 9 – ≥ 10 μm 10 - invalid |

Table 3-10: Snow Cover Retrieval Quality Flags.

| Snow Cover Retrieval Quality Control Codes | |
|--|----------------|
| Bit | Name Values |

| | |
|----------|--|
| 0 | no-data value in band data |
| 1 | missing data in band data |
| 2 | modeled cloudy |
| 3 | water |
| 4 | solar zenith angle less than 0 or greater than MAX_SOLAR_ZENITH_ANGLE |
| 5 | sensor zenith angle less than 0.0 or greater than MAX_SENSOR_ZENITH_ANGLE |
| 6 | bad metadata or ancillary data |
| 7 | N/A |

Table 3-11: Ice Concentration Retrieval Quality Flags.

| Ice Concentration Retrieval Quality Control Codes | | |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Quality Flag Name | Variable Type | Definition |
| QC_Flags | LONG | Quality Control Flags |
| Tot_QACat01 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 1 (Normal or optimal) |
| Tot_QACat02 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 2 (Uncertain or suboptimal) |
| Tot_QACat03 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 3 (Non-retrievable) |
| Tot_QACat04 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 4 (Bad data) |

Table 3-12: Ice Thickness And Age Retrieval Quality Flags.

| Ice Thickness And Age Retrieval Quality Control Codes | | |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Quality Flag Name | Variable Type | Definition |
| QC_Flags | LONG | Quality Control Flags |
| Tot_QACat01 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 1 (Normal or optimal) |
| Tot_QACat02 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 2 (Uncertain or suboptimal) |
| Tot_QACat03 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 3 (bad or missing) |

| | | |
|--------------------|------|---|
| Tot_QACat04 | LONG | Total number of pixels with QA category 4 (Non-retrievable) |
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No external product tools are supplied. External users can choose their own tools to display and analyze these output files.

4. PRODUCT STATUS

4.1. Operations Documentation

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4.2. Maintenance History

5. APPENDIX A: Algorithm Status

Table 5-1 – JPSS RR Algorithm Status

JPSS RR Algorithm Status

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| JPSS RR Algorithms | Algorithm Code is integrated in Framework? | Algorithm is hooked up w. Bayesian CM and bit flags? | NDE Metadata is added? | Ready to run in NRT? | Integrator | Has been set up in NR run*? (by Hua) |
|---------------------|--|--|------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cloud Mask | Yes | N/A | Yes | Yes | Roy | Yes |
| Cloud Phase | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Roy | Yes |
| Cloud Height | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Roy | Yes |
| NCOMP | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Roy | Yes |
| DCOMP | Yes | N/A | Yes | Yes | Mike | Yes |
| AOD | Yes | No | No | No | Roy | Yes |
| ADP | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Tianxu | No |
| VolAsh | Yes | N/A | Yes | Yes | Mike | No |
| Ice Concentration | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Alex/Aiwu | Yes |
| IceAge | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Alex/Aiwu | Yes |
| SnowCover /Fraction | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Alex | No |
| SnowFraction (Refl) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Alex | No |

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