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## Preface

This document is under JPSS Ground Segment (GS) configuration control. Once this document is approved, JPSS approved changes are handled in accordance with Class I and Class II change control requirements as described in the JPSS Configuration Management Procedures, and changes to this document shall be made by complete revision.

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## NOTE

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NOAA's Office of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Observations encompasses the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) and Near Earth Orbit Network (NEON) Programs. The JPSS Ground Segment Project has evolved to the LEO Ground Services Project and its ground system serves the needs of both JPSS and NEON missions. For efficiency, documents created prior to the formulation of LEO Ground Services will retain legacy terminology (e.g., JPSS Ground Project, JPSS Ground System).

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) next-generation operational Earth observation program that acquires and distributes global environmental data primarily from multiple polar-orbiting satellites. The program plays a critical role in NOAA's mission to understand and predict changes in weather, climate, oceans and coasts, and the space environment, which support the Nation's economy and protect lives and property. For information regarding the JPSS Program, missions, instruments, and partners, see the JPSS website at <https://www.jpss.noaa.gov/>.

### 1.1 Identification

This SRS provides requirements for the common algorithms that generally apply to many products.

### 1.2 Algorithm Overview

This document provides common algorithm requirements that broadly apply to the generation of many products. It provides high level algorithm functionalities related to product performance, algorithm provision, metadata format, and data quality notification generation. It also serves as algorithm guidance for delivered science codes that comply with requirements flown down from parent documents and adhere to the functionalities of JPSS data processing system.

### 1.3 Document Overview

Section	Description
Section 1	Introduction - Provides a brief overview of the JPSS Ground System and the relevant algorithm, as reference material only.
Section 2	Related Documentation - Lists related documents and identifies them as Parent, Applicable, or Information Documents such as, MOAs, MOUs, technical implementation agreements, as well as Data Format specifications. This section also establishes an order of precedence in the event of conflict between two or more documents.
Section 3	Algorithm Requirements - Provides a summary of the science requirements for the products covered by this volume.
Appendix A	Requirements Attributes - Provides the mapping of requirements to verification methodology and attributes.

## 2 RELATED DOCUMENTATION

The latest JPSS documents can be obtained from URL:

[https://jpssmis.gsfc.nasa.gov/frontmenu\\_dsp.cfm](https://jpssmis.gsfc.nasa.gov/frontmenu_dsp.cfm). JPSS Project documents have a document number starting with 470, 472 or 474 indicating the governing Configuration Control Board (CCB) (Program, Flight, or Ground) that has the control authority of the document.

### 2.1 Parent Documents

The following reference documents are the Parent Documents from which this document has been derived. Any modification to a Parent Document will be reviewed to identify the impact upon this document. In the event of a conflict between a Parent Document and the content of this document, the JPSS Program Configuration Change Board has the final authority for conflict resolution.

Doc. No.	Document Title
474-01541	Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Ground System Requirements Document (GSRD)
474-01543	Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Ground Segment Data Product Specification (GSegDPS)

### 2.2 Applicable Documents

The following documents are the Applicable Documents from which this document has been derived. Any modification to an Applicable Document will be reviewed to identify the impact upon this document. In the event of conflict between an Applicable Document and the content of this document, the JPSS Program Configuration Change Board has the final authority for conflict resolution.

Doc. No.	Document Title
474-00448-02-01	Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Algorithm Specification Volume II: Data Dictionary for the Common Algorithms
NIMA TR-8350.2	Defense World Geodetic System 1984 Technical Report
FGDC-STD-001-1998	The Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM), Version 2
NPD 7120.4	NASA Engineering and Program/Project Management Policy
ITU-R TF.460-6	Standard-frequency and time-signal emissions

### 2.3 Data Format Specifications

Not applicable



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## 3 ALGORITHM REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 States and Modes

#### 3.1.1 Normal Mode Performance

Not Applicable

#### 3.1.2 Graceful Degradation Mode Performance

Not applicable

### 3.2 Algorithm Functional Requirements

#### 3.2.1 Product Production Requirements

Not Applicable

#### 3.2.2 Algorithm Science Requirements

Not applicable

#### 3.2.3 Algorithm Exception Handling

Not applicable

### 3.3 External Interfaces

#### 3.3.1 Inputs

Not applicable

#### 3.3.2 Outputs

Not applicable

### 3.4 Science Standards

SRS.01.01\_155 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall produce data records with geolocation latitude and longitude output in degrees.

*Rationale:* A Common and consistent unit must be used in generating and outputting the geolocation parameters which are used to generate geolocation files associated with products.

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SRS.01.01\_198 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall use World Geodetic System (WGS) 84 as the geodetic system in accordance with the Department of Defense World Geodetic System 1984 Technical Report, National Imagery and Mapping Agency Technical Report 8350.2 (NIMA TR-8350.2).

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*Rationale:* WGS-84 has been designated the geodetic reference system for the JPSS Ground System. The system needs a defined geodetic system as a means to locate the science observations on the earth. WGS 84 is also used by the Global Positioning System (GPS).

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SRS.01.01\_199 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall use algorithm processing that can be traced to Universal Time Coordinated (UTC), including the leap second convention.

*Rationale:* UTC is the time format distributed and utilized worldwide and can be readily obtained from the Global Positioning Satellites (GPS). Science data product algorithms must comply with US Naval Observatory (USNO) definition of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) (USNO) as defined in ITU-R TF.460-6, Standard-frequency and time-signal emissions including the leap second convention.

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SRS.01.01\_200 The JPSS Ground System data product algorithm shall use on-orbit coordinate system that uses a right-hand, orthogonal, body-fixed XYZ coordinate system as follows: the +Z axis is downward towards nadir, the Y-axis is along the orbit normal plane (+Y is opposite the orbital angular momentum), and the X-axis is along the spacecraft velocity vector (+X toward the direction of spacecraft travel).

*Rationale:* A common reference frame is necessary to ensure compatibility with heritage coordinate systems (e.g., S-NPP) for Earth-observing spacecraft.

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SRS.01.01\_201 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall use the Earth-centered J2000 inertial coordinate system for attitude knowledge and orbit reference systems.

*Rationale:* Reference frame knowledge is required for accurate data location and processing.

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SRS.01.01\_202 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall use the metric system of measurement as required by NPD 7120.4D, NASA Engineering and Program/Project Management Policy.

*Rationale:* NASA policy mandates the use of the metric system. Waivers may be required for heritage systems or certain algorithm. Individual SRS will specify any deviation from this. The SI units are the modern form of the metric system. Some data products such as ozone total column is measured in Dobson (milli-atm-cm) that is not covered by metric system.

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### 3.5 Metadata Output

SRS.01.01\_182 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall produce data records that possess a metadata flag which is set when a spacecraft maneuver is in progress.

*Rationale:* Specification in the GSRD Vol. 1 requires the system to handle maneuvers. Metadata flag must be generated to indicate a maneuver is in progress. Algorithm provider is responsible for modifying and updating maneuver metadata flags and fields when such changes are necessary, incorporating them in algorithms being delivered, and adjudicating such changes through configuration management process. CGS is responsible for implementing maneuver metadata flags configuration changes in operational environment.

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SRS.01.01\_184 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm shall use the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), the Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM), and the FGDC Extensions for Remote Sensing Metadata as a guide to construct the metadata elements with the general metadata elements defined in the JPSS Algorithm Specification for the Common Algorithms, Vol II Data Dictionary, 474-00448-02-01.

*Rationale:* For more information, see <http://www.fgdc.gov>. The Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM), Version 2 (FGDC-STD-001-1998) is the current US Federal Metadata standard.

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SRS.01.01\_258 The [data product] metadata elements shall be formatted in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 of the JPSS Algorithm Specification for the Common Algorithms, Vol II Data Dictionary, 474-00448-02-01.

*Rationale:* This requirement defines the format and allowable values for the data product metadata.

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### 3.6 Quality Flag Content Requirements

Not applicable

### 3.7 Data Quality Notification Requirements

SRS.01.01\_173 The JPSS Ground System [data product] software shall generate data quality notification in accordance with the DQTT Quality Flag Mapping section of the JPSS Algorithm Specification, Vol II Data Dictionary for each SRS.

*Rationale:* The data quality notification contents can be used to for tracking and resolving data quality problem.

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SRS.01.01\_259 The [data product] data quality notification shall be formatted in accordance with Section 6 of the JPSS Algorithm Specification for the Common Algorithms, Vol II Data Dictionary, 474-00448-02-01.

*Rationale:* This requirement defines the format for data quality notification.

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### **3.8 Adaptation**

Not applicable

### **3.9 Provenance Requirements**

The JPSS science data processing algorithms and software have their origins in S-NPP mission. Any new algorithm or major upgraded algorithm will follow the Algorithm ERB and Ground Project ERB processes by submission of algorithm deviation reports (DRs).

### **3.10 Computer Software Requirements**

Not applicable

### **3.11 Software Quality Characteristics**

Not applicable

### **3.12 Design and Implementation Constraints**

Not applicable

### **3.13 Personnel Related Requirements**

Personnel related aspects such as operator and personnel trainings for algorithm and product generation will follow requirements specified in GSRD Volume 1.

### **3.14 Training Requirements**

Training aspects of the JPSS Ground System including algorithm and product generation will follow requirements specified in GSRD Volume 1.

### **3.15 Logistics Related Requirements**

Logistics involving algorithm and product generation will follow requirements specified in GSRD Volume 1.

### **3.16 Other Requirements**

The JPSS science data processing algorithms and software will play essential roles in producing, collecting, monitoring and updating calibration data, sensor parameter trending data, processing coefficient tables and look-up tables, and data product algorithms and their documents. This effort will be accomplished by on-orbit calibration and validation and the subsequent long term monitoring activities throughout the mission life.

### 3.17 Packaging Requirements

Packaging aspects of algorithm change packages for product generation will follow requirements specified in GSRD Volume 1.

SRS.01.01\_146 The JPSS Ground System [data product] algorithm package shall have the ability to track changes to the algorithm performance over the mission lifetime.

*Rationale:* In order to consistently meet quality and precision requirements the JPSS Ground System must verify that all algorithm updates meet the specified quality and accuracy requirements. Algorithm must be able to accept new updated LUT, PCT, code changes that are needed to maintain the product performance during the life of the mission.

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### 3.18 Precedence and Criticality

Priority of algorithm execution for production generation in mission critical events, contingency events, or critical operations will follow requirements specified in GSRD.

## Appendix A. Requirements Attributes

The Requirements Attributes can be found in the VCRMs at Ground > Mission System Engineering > Ground SEIT Unrestricted > VCRM.

<https://jpss.gsfc.nasa.gov/sites/ground/MSE/9/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2Fground%2FMSE%2F9%2FVCRM&FolderCTID=0x012000D0555EA1A211E64A9A7DE7CBCE72DE8B&View=%7B4267AEFE%2D7E8B%2D402D%2D919D%2D41BED55BA4E7%7D>