Space Weather Highlights 26 January - 01 February 2009

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Solar activity was very low. No significant flare activity was observed. The visible disk was spotless during the period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal levels.

Geomagnetic field activity was at mostly quiet levels during the period. Isolated active to major storm periods were observed at high latitudes midday on 26 January. This activity was due to a sustained period of southward IMF Bz in association with a recurrent coronal hole high speed stream. A weak, 9 nT sudden impulse was detected at Boulder at 30/2156 UTC. During the summary period, ACE solar wind velocities ranged from a low of 327 km/sec at 26/1311 UTC to a high of 527 km/sec at 31/2334 UTC. The Bz component of the IMF ranged primarily between -5 nT to +6 nT for the majority of the period. However, at the beginning of the period, Bz varied between -10 nT to +8 nT.

Space Weather Outlook 04 February - 02 March 2009

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal levels.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet levels 04 - 14 February. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 15 February, with isolated active levels due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 16-21 February as the HSS subsides. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active levels on 22 February due to another CH HSS. Activity is expected to decrease to mostly quiet levels from 23 February - 02 March.



Daily Solar Data

	Radio	Sun	Sunspot	X-ray	_			Flares				
	Flux	spot	Area	Background	X	-ray F	lux		O	otical		
Date	10.7 cm	No.	<u>(10⁻⁶ hemi.</u>)	С	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
26 January	70	0	0	<a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Daily Particle Data

		oton Fluence	<u> </u>	Electron Fluence				
		ons/cm ² -day-si		(electrons/cm ² -d				
Date	>1 MeV >10 MeV		>100 MeV	>.6 MeV	>2MeV	>4 MeV		
26 January	1.7E+6	1.9E + 4	4.2E+3		1.2E + 5			
27 January	4.7E + 5	1.8E+4	4.0E+3		1.7E+5			
28 January	4.7E + 5	2.0E+4	4.4E+3		3.7E + 5			
29 January	4.7E + 5	2.0E+4	4.2E+3		2.3E+5			
30 January	7.3E + 5	1.9E + 4	4.4E+3		1.8E + 5			
31 January	7.1E+5	1.9E + 4	4.2E+3	1.1E+5				
01 February	5.7E+5	1.9E + 4	4.4E+3	1.0E+5				

Daily Geomagnetic Data

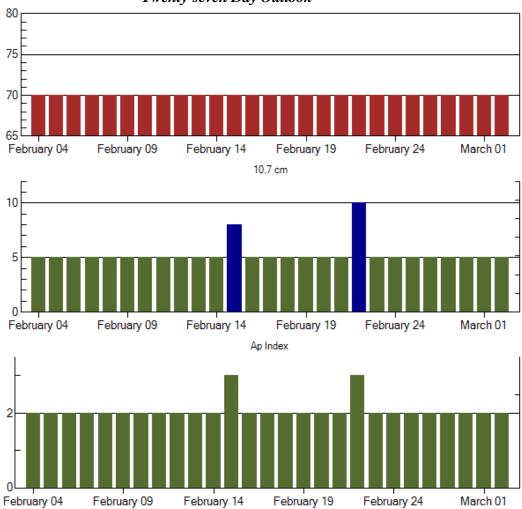
	Bully Geomagnetic Bull									
	Middle Latitude]	High Latitude	<u>Estimated</u>					
	Fredericksburg			College	Planetary					
Date	A K-indices		A K-indices		A K-indices					
26 January	9	3-2-2-3-2-2-1	22	1-0-2-4-6-5-2-0	10	3-2-2-3-3-2-0				
27 January	2	0-1-0-0-1-2-1-1	2	0-1-0-0-1-1-1-1	4	0-1-0-0-1-1-2-2				
28 January	1	0-0-0-2-0-0-1-0	0	0-0-0-1-0-0-0	2	0-0-0-1-1-1-0-1				
29 January	3	0-2-2-1-1-0-0-0	3	0-0-2-3-0-0-0-0	4	0-2-2-1-1-1-0-1				
30 January	3	0-1-1-2-0-0-1-2	1	0-0-0-1-0-0-0-1	4	0-1-0-1-1-1-2				
31 January	4	1-1-2-1-2-1-1	9	1-0-3-3-4-2-1-1	7	1-1-2-2-2-1-2				
01 February	1	0-2-1-0-0-0-0-0	1	0-1-0-1-0-0-0	3	1-2-0-1-1-1-0-1				
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Alerts and Warnings Issued

Date & Time of Issue	Type of Alert or Warning	Date & Time of Event UTC
26 Jan 0147	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	26 Jan 0145
30 Jan 2200	SUMMARY: Geomagnetic Sudden Impu	llse 30 Jan 2156



Twenty-seven Day Outlook



Largest Daily Kp Index

		Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest		Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest
D	ate	10.7 cm	A Index	Kp Index	Date	10.7 cm	A Index	Kp Index
	04 Feb	70	5	2	18 Feb	70	5	2
	05	70	5	2	19	70	5	2
	06	70	5	2	20	70	5	2
	07	70	5	2	21	70	5	2
	08	70	5	2	22	70	10	3
	09	70	5	2	23	70	5	2
	10	70	5	2	24	70	5	2
	11	70	5	2	25	70	5	2
	12	70	5	2	26	70	5	2
	13	70	5	2	27	70	5	2
	14	70	5	2	28	70	5	2
	15	70	8	3	01 Mar	70	5	2
	16	70	5	2	02	70	5	2
	17	70	5	2				



Energetic Events

	Time		X-ray	Opt	ical Informatior	1	Peak	Sweep Freq	
Date	1/2		Integ	Imp/	Location	Rgn	Radio Flux	Intensity	
	Begin Max	Max	Class Flux	Brtns	Lat CMD	#	245 2695	II IV	

No Events Observed

Flare List

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		Time		X-ray	Imp/	Location	Rgn
Date	Begin	Max	End	Class.	Brtns	Lat CMD	
26 Jan	No Flare	s Observe	ed				
27 Jan	No Flare	s Observe	ed				
28 Jan	No Flare	s Observe	ed				
29 Jan	No Flare	s Observe	ed				
30 Jan	No Flare	s Observe	ed				
31 Jan	No Flare	s Observe	ed				
01 Feb	No Flare	s Observe	ed				

Region Summary

Location	Sunspot	Characteristics		Flares		
Helio	Area Extent	Spot Spot	Mag	X-ray	Optical	
Date (° Lat ° CMD) Lon	(10 ⁻⁶ hemi) (helio)	Class Count	Class	C M X	S 1 2 3 4	

No active regions.



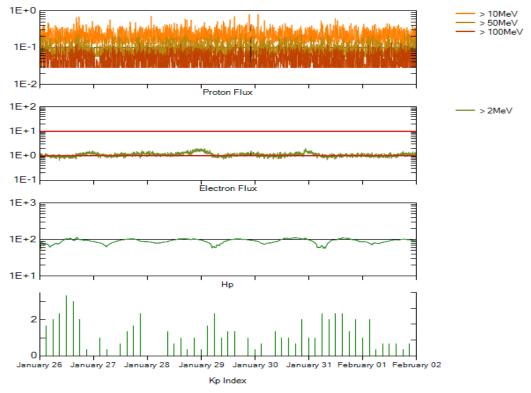
Recent Solar Indices (preliminary) Of the observed monthly mean values

	Sunspot Numbers Radio Flux Geomagnetic													
	Observa 1				volves									
3.6 .1	Observed			Smooth		*Penticton		Planetary						
Month	SEC	RI	RI/SEC	SEC	RI	10.7 cm	Value	Ap	Value					
					2007				- 1					
January	26.6	16.9	0.64	19.7	12.0	83.5	77.5	6	8.4					
February	17.2	10.6	0.62	18.9	11.6	77.8	76.9	6	8.4					
March	9.7	4.8	0.49	17.5	10.8	72.3	76.0	8	8.4					
April	6.9	3.7	0.54	16.0	9.9	72.4	75.2	9	8.5					
May	19.4	11.7	0.60	14.2	8.7	74.5	74.2	9	8.4					
June	20.0	12.0	0.60	12.8	7.7	73.7	73.2	7	7.8					
July	15.6	10.0	0.64	11.6	7.0	71.6	72.5	8	7.4					
August	9.9	6.2	0.63	10.2	6.1	69.2	71.8	7	7.6					
September	r 4.8	2.4	0.50	9.9	5.9	67.1	71.5	9	7.8					
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October	1.3	0.9	0.70	10.0	6.1	65.5	71.5	9	7.9					
November	2.5	1.7	0.68	9.4	5.7	69.7	71.1	5	7.8					
December	16.2	10.1	0.62	8.1	5.0	78.6	70.5	4	7.8					
					2008									
January	5.1	3.4	0.67	6.9	4.2	72.1	70.0	6	7.7					
February	3.8	2.1	0.55	5.9	3.6	71.2	69.6	9	7.6					
March	15.9	9.3	0.58	5.3	3.3	72.9	69.5	10	7.4					
April	4.9	2.9	0.59	5.3	3.3	70.3	69.6	9	7.1					
May	5.7	2.9	0.51	5.7	3.5	68.4	69.7	6	6.9					
June	4.2	3.1	0.74	5.2	3.2	65.9	69.2	7	6.8					
July	1.0	0.5	0.50			65.8		6						
August	0.0	0.5	**			66.4		5						
September		1.1	0.73			67.1		5						
~ Tr (0111001			0.75			37.1		2						
October	5.2	2.9	0.56			68.3		6						
November		4.1	0.60			68.6		3						
December		0.8	0.62			69.2		2						
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<u>NOTE:</u> All smoothed values after September 2002 and monthly values after March 2003 are preliminary estimates. The lowest smoothed sunspot index number for Cycle 22, RI = 8.0, occurred in May 1996. The highest smoothed sunspot number for Cycle 23, RI = 120.8, occurred April 2000. *After June 1991, the 10.7 cm radio flux data source is Penticton, B.C. Canada. Prior to that, it was Ottawa.



^{**}SEC sunspot number was less than RI value, so a ratio could not be done.



Weekly Geosynchronous Satellite Environment Summary Week Beginning 26 January 2009

GOES-11 designated Primary Electron Satellite and GOES-10 Secondary: December 1, 2008 the GOES-12 Electron sensor began experiencing periods of noise and sensor is unreliable.

Protons plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm²-sec -sr) as measured by GOES-11 (W135) for each of three energy thresholds: greater than 10, 50, and 100 MeV.

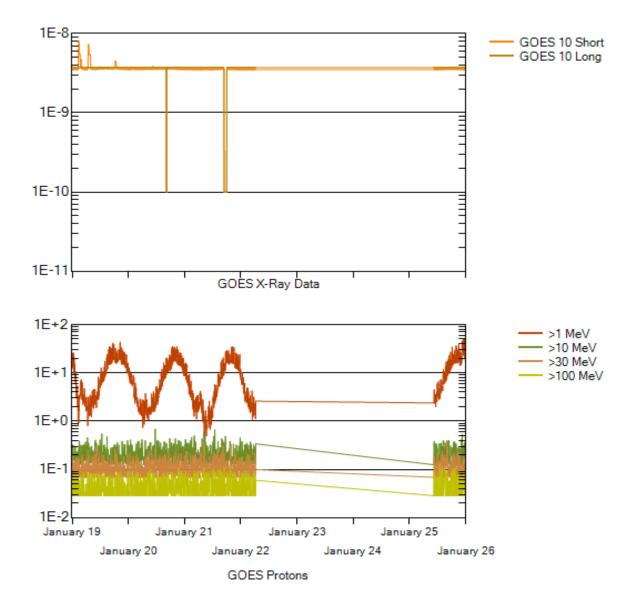
Electrons plot contains the five-minute averaged integral electron flux (electrons/cm²-sec -sr) with energies greater than 2 MeV at GOES-11 (W135).

Hp plot contains the five minute averaged magnetic field H - component in nanoteslas (nT) as measured by GOES-11. The H component is parallel to the spin axis of the satellite, which is nearly parallel to the Earth's rotation axis.

Kp plot contains the estimated planetary 3-hour K-index (derived by the Air Force Weather Agency) in real time from magnetometers at Meanook, Canada; Sitka, AK; Glenlea, Canada; St. Johns, Canada; Ottawa, Canada; Newport, WA; Fredericksburg, VA; Boulder, CO; Fresno, CA and Hartland, UK. These data are made available through cooperation from the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), British Geological Survey (BGS) and the US Geological Survey. These may differ from the final Kp values derived from a more extensive network of magnetometers.

The data included here are those now available in real time at the SWPC and are incomplete in that they do not include the full set of parameters and energy ranges known to cause satellite operating anomalies. The proton and electron fluxes and Kp are "global" parameters that are applicable to a first order approximation over large areas. H parallel is subject to more localized phenomena and the measurements generally are applicable to within a few degrees of longitude of the measuring satellite.





Weekly GOES Satellite X-ray and Proton Plots

X-ray plot contains five-minute averaged x-ray flux (watts/ m^2) as measured by GOES 10 (W060) and GOES 11 (W135) in two wavelength bands, .05 - . 4 and .1 - .8 nm. The letters A, B, C, M and X refer to x-ray event levels for the .1 - .8 nm band.

Proton plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm 2 -sec-sr) as measured by GOES-11 (W135) for each of the energy thresholds: >1, >10, >30 and >100 MeV. P10 event threshold is 10 pfu (protons/cm 2 -sec-sr) at greater than 10 MeV.



Sudden Storm Commencements and Impulses Space Environment Center December 2008 (Month 147) Comparison of Cycles Solar Max (Apr 1937) Solar Min (Feb 1944) Cycle 17 9 6-0 '33'34 SepJan 12 Solar Min (Apr 1954) Solar Max (May 1947) Cycle 18 9 6-3-0-'44 Feb 12-Solar Max (Mar 1958) Solar Min (Oct 1964) Cycle 19 9-Number of events per month Apr Solar Max (Nov 1968) Cycle 20 Solar Min (Jun 1976) Solar Max (Dec 1979) Cycle 21 Solar Min (Sep 1986) 6-'87 '76 Jun 12 Solar Min (Oct 1996) Cycle 22 6-

