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Table 1 Legend					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Ad Hoc	Minimal	Intermediate	Advanced	Optimal	
Little or no management	Limited Management	Defined Management, partially implemented	Well-defined Management, fully implemented	Full Management, audited, measured, controlled	

Table 1. Scores for the Nine DSMM Key Components at a Glance					
Preservability - 4.5 Accessibility - 5 Usability - 4.5					
Production Sustainability - 5	Data Quality Control/Monitoring - 3.5				
Data Quality Assessment - 3.5	Transparency/Traceability - 3.5	Data Integrity - 5			

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Cover Image: Data Stewardship Rating Diagram for JPSS Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Enterprise Land Surface Temperature (LST) Environmental Data Record (EDR)

Shades of green are used to represent level 1 through level 5 ratings; denoting Ad Hoc, Minimal, Intermediate, Advanced, and Optimal stages for each of the nine key components, respectively. The dark green level indicates all the practices are completely satisfied. The lighter green levels indicate only some of the practices are satisfied. The lightest green level indicates none of the practices are satisfied.

The stewardship maturity of NCEI data product, JPSS Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Enterprise Land Surface Temperature (LST) Environmental Data Record (EDR), is assessed based on a reference stewardship maturity framework. The current maturity ratings of JPSS Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Enterprise Land Surface Temperature (LST) Environmental Data Record (EDR) are at Level 1 or higher for all nine key components with zero Level 1, zero Level 2, three Level 3, three Level 4, and three Level 5 key components.

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#### **Preface**

In response to the President's Open Government Initiative and related policies, NOAA has committed to providing improved public access to all of its environmental information, to enable research and commercial innovation through ease of data discovery and use [Casey, 2016].

OneStop supports NOAA's efforts by leveraging existing access technologies and infusing specific innovations to provide improved discover, access, and visualization services for NOAA's data. Also, OneStop is viewed by a NESDIS as a pathfinder effort with an initial focus on selected high-priority datasets from NESDIS and other program data meeting OneStop standards, but eventually scalable across NOAA's data. Lastly, OneStop is implementing the USGEO Common Framework for Earth Observation Data and leveraging/supporting the NOAA Big Data Project (BDP) and Big Earth Data Initiative (BEDI) [Casey, 2016].

As with any process of improvement planning, agencies need to find out where they are in terms of their compliance to the federal regulations and what they need to do if any areas of non-compliance are identified. To this end, a unified framework would be beneficial for assessing the current stage of stewardship practices applied to individual datasets and for providing a road map that will guide future investments towards enhanced stewardship of environmental datasets. The value and quality of a dataset depends in part on the stewardship practices applied after its development and production. Therefore, a unified framework providing a holistic view of the quality of stewardship practices applied to individual datasets is beneficial to data stewards and users [Casey, 2016].

The Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix (DSMM), jointly developed by domain (data management, technology, and science) subject matter experts from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) and Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellites – North Carolina (CICS-NC), provides such a consistent framework [*Peng et al.*, 2016]. The DSMM, leveraging institutional knowledge and community practices and standards, defines a graduated maturity scale for each of nine key components of scientific data stewardship to enable a consistent assessment of the measureable stewardship practices applied to a given data set or product.

The NOAA Data Stewardship Maturity Technical Series captures stewardship maturity assessment results for individual datasets, provides consistent representation and citable documents of those assessments, ensures transparency, and allows better data quality information integration and content-based search and discovery of NOAA data.

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#### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the results of stewardship maturity assessment for NOAA Climate Data Record for Mean Layer Temperature (Upper Troposphere & Lower Stratosphere from UCAR, Version 2, utilizing the Scientific Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix or DSMM [Peng, et al, 2016]. DSMM defines levels of stewardship maturity stages for Preservability, Accessibility, Usability, Production Sustainability, Data Quality Assurance, Data Quality Control/Monitoring, Data Quality Assessment, Transparency/Traceability, and Data Integrity key components. Each of these components is ranked from 'Ad hoc' to 'Optimal' (see Appendix I). This report is based on evaluation performed by NOAA OneStop metadata specialists working with Subject Matter Experts and utilizing the DSMM template [Peng, 2016].

### 1.2 Scope

Assessing stewardship maturity - the current state of how datasets are documented, preserved, stewarded, and made accessible publicly, is a critical step towards meeting U.S. federal regulations, organizational requirements, and user needs [Peng et al., 2016]. The goal of this document is to provide consistent and transparent stewardship maturity information to data users and decision-makers.

#### 1.3 Dataset Abstract

This dataset contains a high quality operational Environmental Data Record (EDR) that contains land surface temperature (LST) measurements. The algorithm utilizes sensor data from the 10.763 and 12.013 micron spectral bands (VIIRS channels M13 and M15) using a split window technique that corrects for atmospheric absorption and applied surface emissivity explicitly in the retrieval. VIIRS infrared bands have a spatial resolution of 750 meters at nadir. S-NPP and NOAA-20 provide at least 90% global coverage every 12 hours. LST data obtained from the Comprehensive Large Array-Data Stewardship System (CLASS) are distributed as single 86-second granules in netCDF-4 format with metadata attributes included.

## **1.4 Document Maintenance**

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## 2. Results

The data stewardship maturity assessment information is summarized in Table 1. Each component is displayed along with its corresponding score in a color-coded table.

Table 2. Dataset and Data Stewardship Maturity Assessment Metadata			
Dataset Title	JPSS Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Enterprise Land Surface Temperature (LST) Environmental Data Record (EDR)		
Dataset Information URL	https://www.ncei.noaa. gov/metadata/geoportal/rest/metadata/item/gov.noaa. ncdc%3AC01431/html		
Data Provider POC (Name; Email; Affiliation)	Customer Engagement Branch, ncei.sat.info@noaa.gov, DOC/NOAA/NESDIS/NCEI > National Centers for Environmental Information, NESDIS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce		
Dataset POC (Name; Email; Affiliation)	Yunyue (Bob) Yu, yunyue.yu@noaa.gov, DOC/NOAA/NESDIS/STAR > Center for Satellite Applications and Research, NESDIS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce		
SMM Version (Document ID and Version Number)	NCDC-CICS-SMM_0001_Rev.1 12/09/2014		
SMM POC (Name; E-mail; Affiliation)	Ge Peng, ge.peng@uah.edu, University of Alabama- Huntsville		
SMM Template Version (Document ID and Version Numbers)	NCDC-CICS-SMM_0001_Rev.1 v4.0 06/23/2015		
SMM Template POC	Ge Peng, ge.peng@uah.edu, University of Alabama- Huntsville		
SMM Assessment Version (v <nn>r<mm>, e.g., v01r00)</mm></nn>	v01r01		
SMM Assessment Date (MM/DD/YYYY)			
SMM Assessment POC (Name; E-mail; Affiliation)	Paul Lemieux III, paul.lemieux@noaa.gov, Earth Resources Technology, Inc.		
Stewardship Maturity Ratings (each key component) (kc1/kc2/kc3/kc4/kc5/kc6/kc7/kc8/kc9)	4.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 5 / 4.5 / 3.5 / 3.5 / 3.5 / 5		
SMM Original Assessment Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	10/17/2016		
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Table 3. Stewardship	Maturity Levels and Detailed Justifications for Each of Nine DSMM Key Components for the Dataset.
DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Preservability	Level 4.5  • Archived by NCEI which is a NOAA designated archive compliant to NARA standards.  • Metadata following ISO 19115-2.  • Compliant to OIAS RM.  • Plans to update metadata to ISO 19115-1 at a later date and may be a pilot dataset for the OneStop initiative.  • Using CLASS archiving and ordering system.  Comments:  CLASS is CMMI-Level 3.  No known audits on the archiving processes.
Accessibility	Level 5  Collection level searchable online CLASS ordering: Granules searchable and orderable via CLASS Direct file download available via CLASS FTP: ftp://ftp-npp.bou.class.noaa.gov CLASS has dissemination reports available internally and externally. Users have to email the CLASS Help Desk to request access to the metrics tools. New technology for OneStop search and discovery planned (i.e. ElasticSearch, Hyrax Servers, etc.) this is part of the JPSS data group that will be OneStop ready.  Comments:
Usability	A CLASS improvement (GEARS) is in the works.  Level 4.5  Satellite community standard netCDF data format compliant to ACDD and CF conventions.  Data paper [Guillevic, Biard, et al, 2014] published in peer-reviewed journal and available online here: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2014.08.013  Data visualization capability:  CLASS has deaggregating/subsetting options for downloads.  Error estimates available in the ATBD [] available online here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php  External User's Guide [] is available online here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php  Comments:
	No known external rankings.

Fable 3. Stewardship	p Maturity Levels and Detailed Justifications for Each of Nine DSMM Key Components for the Dataset.
DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Production Sustainability	<ul> <li>Level 5</li> <li>Long-term institutional commitment from NESDIS.</li> <li>National commitment from: National Weather Service, USDA, Univ of Maryland, and Army Research Lab.</li> <li>International commitment from: EUMETSAT, ESA/ESRIN, Univ of Edinburgh, OBSPM, eLEAF, Universitat de les Illes Balears, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Institute of Geodesy and Cartography.</li> <li>Product versioning process in place to capture updates to the algorithm.</li> <li>Comments:</li> <li>No comments.</li> </ul>
Data Quality Assurance	<ul> <li>Level 4.5</li> <li>Quality assurance procedure documented in the ATBD [] and User's Guide [] available online here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php</li> <li>Data quality assurance plan [Mikles and Liu, 2016] is reviewed externally by stakeholders and is available here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php.</li> <li>Quality flags exist in the dataset which can be considered limited data quality assurance metadata.</li> <li>Comments:</li> </ul>
Data Quality Control/ Monitoring	<ul> <li>Level 4.75</li> <li>OSPO PAL will perform product quality monitoring as part of the Product Monitoring project (per the User's Guide).</li> <li>Cross-validation with MODIS and SEVIRI data across 9 global regions.</li> <li>Product quality is monitored by ESPC Ops and e-mail alerts are automatically generated when anomalies occur.</li> <li>Additional metadata file in XML format is generated with each file that contains statistical information that is used to monitor product data quality and processing status. It is used internally at OSPO by monitoring team.</li> <li>Users can contact the ESPC help desk 24/7 for information about the data product and they can resolve issues through coordination with the PAL.</li> </ul>
	No known physical consistency check.

Table 3. Stewardship	Maturity Levels and Detailed Justifications for Each of Nine DSMM Key Components for the Dataset.
DSMM Key Component	Stewardship Maturity Rating, Justification, and Comments
Data Quality Assessment	<ul> <li>Level 3.5</li> <li>Beta &amp; Provisional (Research) &amp; Validated (Operational) product assessments are available in the algorithm maturity review documents available here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/AlgorithmMaturity.php</li> <li>ATBD [] available online here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php</li> <li>Research product assessed in literature [Guillevic, Privette, et al, 2012] and available online here: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2012.05.004</li> <li>Operational assessment in literature [Guillevic, Biard, et al, 2014] and available online here: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2014.08.013</li> <li>Data quality assessment information in the auxiliary metadata file that is generated by the system.</li> </ul>
	Comments: No known external rankings.  Level 3.5
Transparency / Traceability	<ul> <li>DOI pending: 10.7289/</li> <li>CLASS Assigned OID:</li> <li>Product information available in literature [Guillevic, Biard, et al, 2014] available online here: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2014.08.013</li> <li>ATBD [] available online here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php</li> <li>Configuration Management Plan [Zhao, 2014] available online here: https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/Docs.php</li> </ul>
	Comments: No OAD available.
Data Integrity	<ul> <li>Level 5</li> <li>CLASS offers data signatures option for downloads and checksums available.</li> <li>File level checksums are verified at ingest and at archive.</li> <li>CLASS maintains a copy of the checksum for validation during dissemination and that checksum is used for validation during the staging process when an order is fulfilled.</li> <li>Discrepancies identified in checksum validation are automatically reported to CLASS team for investigative purposes.</li> </ul>
	Comments: No comments.

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# Appendix I: The Scientific Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix (DSMM)

Table A1: This matrix (Version: NCDC-CICS-SMM-0001-Rev.1. 12/09/2014) describes the criterion used to evaluate data stewardship maturity for each of the nine DSMM key components [*Peng et al.*, 2015].

DSMM Component	Level 1 Ad hoc Little or no management	Level 2  Minimal  Limited  management	Level 3 Intermediate Defined management, partially implemented	Level 4 Advanced Well-defined management, fully implemented	Level 5 Optimal Full management, audited, measured, controlled
Preservability  (The state of being preservable)	Any storage location  Data only	Non- designated repository  Redundancy  Limited archiving metadata	Designated archive  Redundancy  Community-standard archiving metadata  Conforming to limited archiving standards	Level 3 + Conforming to community archiving standards	Level 4 +  Archiving process performance controlled, measured, and audited  Future archiving standard changes planned
Accessibility (The state of being searchable and accessible publicly)	Not publically available person-to- person	Publically available direct file download (e.g., via anonymous FTP server)  Collection or dataset level searchable online	Level 2 +  Non-standard data service  Limited data server performance  Granule/file level searchable  Limited search metrics	Level 3 + Community- standard data service Enhanced data server performance Conforming to community search metrics Dissemination report metrics defined and implemented internally	Level 4 + Dissemination reports available online  Future technology and standard changes planned

Usability  (The state of being easy to use)	Extensive product-specific knowledge required  No documentation online	Non-standard data format  Limited documentation (e.g., user's guide online)	Community standard-based interoperable format & metadata  Documentation (e.g. source code, product algorithm document, processing or/and data flow diagram) online	Level 3 + Basic capability (e.g., subsetting, aggregating) & data characterization overall/global, e.g., climatology, error estimates) available online	Level 4 + Enhanced online capability (e.g., visualization, multiple data formats)  Community metrics of data characterization (regional/cell) online  External ranking
Production Sustainability  (The state of data production being sustainable and extendable)	Ad Hoc or Not applicable  To obligation or deliverable requirement	Short-term Individual PI's commitment (grant obligations)	Medium-term  Institutional commitment (contractual deliverables with specs and schedule defined)	Long-term Institutional commitment  Product improvement process in place	Level 4 + National or international commitment Changes for echnology planned
Data Quality Assurance  (The state of data quality being assured)	Data quality assurance (DQA) procedure unknown or none	Ad Hoc and random  QA procedure not defined and documented	DQA procedure defined and documented and partially implemented	DQA procedure well documented, fully implemented and available online with master reference data Limited data quality assurance metadata	Level 4 +  DQA procedure monitored and reported Conforming to community quality metadata & standards  External review

Data Quality Control/ Monitoring  The state of data quality being controlled and monitored	None or Sampling unknown or spotty  Analysis unknown or random in time	Sampling and analysis are regular in time and space  Limited product-specific metrics defined & implemented	Level 2 + Sampling and analysis are frequent and systematic but not automatic  Community metrics defined and partially implemented  Procedure documented and available online	Level 3 + Anomaly detection procedure well-documente d and fully implemented using community metrics, automatic, tracked and reported Limited quality monitoring metadata	Level 4 + Cross-validation of temporal & spatial characteristics  Physical consistency check  Conforming to community quality metadata & standards
Data Quality Assessment  (The state of data quality being assessed)	Algorithm/ method/model  Theoretical basis assessed (methods and results online)	Level 1 +  Research product assessed (methods and results online)	Level 2 +  Operational product assessed (methods and results online)	Level 3 +  Quality metadata assessed  Limited quality assessment metadata	Level 4 +  Assessment performed on a recurring basis  Conforming to community quality metadata & standards  External ranking
Transparency/ Traceability  (The state of being transparent, trackable, and traceable)	Limited product information available  Person-to-person	Product information available in literature	Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD) & source code online Dataset configuration managed (CM)  Unique Object Identifier (OID) assigned (dataset, documentation, source code)  Data citation tracked (e.g., utilizing Digital Object Identifier	Level 3 +  Operational Algorithm Description (OAD) online, OID assigned, and under CM	Level 4 +  System information online  Complete data provenance online

Data Integrity  (The state of data integrity being verifiable)	Unknown or no data ingest integrity check	Data ingest integrity verifiable (e.g, checksum technology)	(DOI) system) Level 2 +  Data archive integrity verifiable	Level 3 +  Data access integrity verifiable	Level 4 +  Data authenticity verifiable (e.g., data signature technology)  Performance of data integrity check monitored and reported
				Conforming to community data integrity technology standard	