

Solar activity ranged from very low to high levels. On 12 -15 January, activity was at low levels with very low levels observed on 16 January. Region 537 (N05, L= 009, class/area Dkc/240 on 12 January) exhibited slow decay throughout the period and simplified from a beta-gamma-delta magnetic configuration to a simple beta on 17 January. Region 536 (S12, L=074, class/area Ekc/600 on 09 January), produced six C-class flare on 12 - 13 January before it rotated beyond the west limb on 14 January. New Region 540 (S11, L=285, class/area Eao/500 on 13 January) rotated onto the disk on 12 January and has maintained good areal coverage with evidence of considerable magnetic polarity mixing. The most significant activity of the period came from Region 540 late in the period. On 17 January, this region produced an M5 flare at 1750 UTC with an associated Type II radio sweep (784 km/s), a large 245 Mhz radio burst (270,000 sfu) and a partial halo CME off to the south. The period ended on 18 January with Region 540 producing an M1/In flare at 0017 UTC with an associated Type II radio sweep (1000 km/s). At the time of this report (20 January) Region 540 continues to produce high level activity with an M6/2n at 0743 UTC with an associated halo CME.

Solar wind data were available from the NASA Advanced Composition Explorer (ACE) spacecraft during most of the summary period. The period began on 12 January with solar wind speeds near 500 km/s. A transient passage was observed on 13 January with wind speeds increasing to near 600 km/s for about a twenty-four hour period. Wind speed began a gradual and steady increase on 15 January reaching 650 km/s by 16 January due to a coronal hole high speed stream. The period ended with wind speeds still elevated near 550 – 600 km/s.

There were no greater than 10 MeV proton events at geosynchronous orbit during the summary period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached high levels for most of the period. High levels were observed on 12 - 13, 15, and 17 - 18 January.

The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to minor storm levels. Activity was at quiet to unsettled levels on 12 - 14 January except for a nine-hour period of active conditions late on 13 January. Active conditions were observed on 15 January. The onset of a coronal hole high speed stream produced isolated minor storm levels on 16 January and unsettled to active levels on 17 - 18 January.

## **Space Weather Outlook**

### **21 January - 16 February 2004**

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels with a chance of major flare activity. Region 540 has the potential for major flare activity through 25 January. Activity in the mid to latter half of the period is expected to be at low levels with a chance of moderate activity due to the return of Regions 536, 537 and 540 to the visible disk.

There is a slight chance for a greater than 10 MeV proton event during the period in association with a major flare from one of three active regions.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 28 - 29 January and again on 31 January - 09 February due to recurrent coronal holes.

Geomagnetic activity is expected to range from quiet to minor storm levels with a chance of isolated major storm levels. A second recurrent coronal hole is expected to return on 27 - 28 January resulting in active to minor storm levels. The large transequatorial coronal hole of the last few rotations has broken up into several smaller coronal holes. This series of recurrent coronal holes is due to return on 30 January - 07 February and is expected to produce minor storm level activity with a chance of isolated major storm levels. The coronal hole of last week is due to return on 11 - 14 February, with minor storm levels possible.



### Daily Solar Data

Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Sun spot No.	Sunspot Area (10 <sup>-6</sup> hemi.)	X-ray Background	Flares							
					X-ray Flux			Optical				
					C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
12 January	118	77	550	B4.2	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
13 January	118	53	930	B4.3	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
14 January	121	58	790	B3.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 January	119	57	510	B3.4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
16 January	120	68	580	B2.7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
17 January	123	56	610	B3.1	6	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
18 January	120	72	390	B2.7	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	0

### Daily Particle Data

Date	Proton Fluence (protons/cm <sup>2</sup> -day-sr)			Electron Fluence (electrons/cm <sup>2</sup> -day-sr)		
	>1MeV	>10MeV	>100MeV	>.6MeV	>2MeV	>4MeV
12 January	7.8E+5	1.0E+4	2.1E+3		1.6E+8	
13 January	1.8E+6	1.0E+4	2.1E+3		7.3E+7	
14 January	4.7E+5	1.1E+4	2.2E+3		2.3E+7	
15 January	1.4E+6	1.2E+4	3.0E+3		4.5E+7	
16 January	1.2E+6	1.3E+4	3.6E+3		2.9E+7	
17 January	1.9E+6	1.3E+4	3.7E+3		1.5E+8	
18 January	1.1E+6	1.5E+4	3.8E+3		2.4E+8	

### Daily Geomagnetic Data

Date	Middle Latitude Fredericksburg		High Latitude College		Estimated Planetary	
	A	K-indices	A	K-indices	A	K-indices
	12 January	5	1-1-0-0-1-2-2-3	12	1-1-0-2-4-4-3-3	10
13 January	14	3-3-2-1-3-3-4-3	29	3-2-3-2-6-5-5-3	18	3-3-3-2-4-4-4-3
14 January	7	3-3-1-1-2-1-1-1	18	4-2-1-4-4-4-3-2	12	3-3-2-3-3-3-2-2
15 January	9	1-3-1-1-3-3-2-3	29	2-2-1-1-6-6-4-4	16	2-3-2-2-4-4-4-3
16 January	21	5-3-2-4-3-3-4-3	44	4-3-2-6-5-6-5-5	26	4-4-3-5-4-4-5-4
17 January	9	2-2-2-2-2-2-3-3	24	3-2-3-5-5-4-4-2	14	3-2-3-4-3-3-3-3
18 January	15	1-4-3-2-2-1-4-4	19	2-4-4-3-4-2-3-4	18	2-4-4-3-3-3-4-4

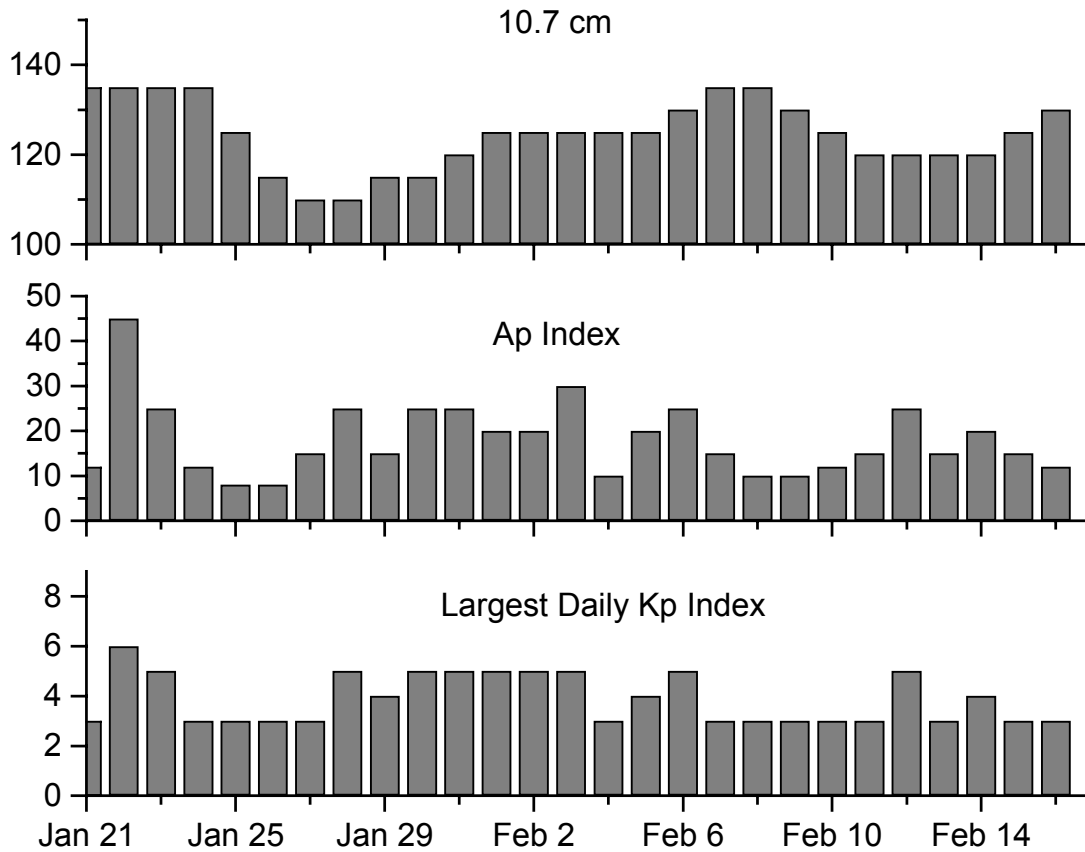


### *Alerts and Warnings Issued*

<u>Date &amp; Time of Issue</u>	<u>Type of Alert or Warning</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time of Event UT</u>
12 Jan 0013	1 - 245 MHz Radio Burst	11 Jan
12 Jan 1009	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux exceeded 1000pfu	12 Jan 0945
12 Jan 1304	ALERT: STRATWARM	12 Jan
13 Jan 0016	1 - 245 MHz Radio Burst	12 Jan
13 Jan 0040	ALERT: Type II Radio Emission	12 Jan 2212
13 Jan 0757	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	13 Jan 0757 - 1500
13 Jan 0802	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	13 Jan 0802
13 Jan 1234	ALERT: STRATWARM	13 Jan
13 Jan 1238	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux > 1000pfu	13 Jan 1220
13 Jan 1457	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 5	13 Jan 1457 - 2359
13 Jan 1459	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 5	13 Jan 1458
13 Jan 2355	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 5	13 Jan 1457 -14 Jan 1500
14 Jan 1341	ALERT: STRATWARM	14 Jan
15 Jan 0016	2 - 245 MHz Radio Bursts	14 Jan
15 Jan 1324	ALERT: STRATWARM	15 Jan
15 Jan 1351	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux > 1000pfu	15 Jan 1330
15 Jan 1443	WARNING: Geomagnetic K= 4	15 Jan 1444 - 2100
15 Jan 1452	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	15 Jan 1452
15 Jan 2055	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	15 Jan 1444 - 16 Jan 1500
16 Jan 0019	1 - 245 MHz Radio Noise Storm	15 Jan
16 Jan 1113	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	16 Jan 1113 - 1800
16 Jan 1122	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	16 Jan 1121
16 Jan 1336	ALERT: STRATWARM	16 Jan
16 Jan 1757	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	16 Jan 1113 - 2359
16 Jan 2354	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	16 Jan 1113 - 17 Jan 1500
17 Jan 1116	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux > 1000pfu	17 Jan 1055
17 Jan 1750	ALERT: X-Ray Flux > M5	17 Jan 1749
17 Jan 1809	SUMMARY: X-ray Event > M5	17 Jan 1750
17 Jan 1822	ALERT: Type II Radio Emission	17 Jan 1747
17 Jan 1847	SUMMARY: 10cm Radio Burst	17 Jan 1744
17 Jan 2209	WATCH: Geomagnetic A $\geq$ 20	20 Jan
18 Jan 0016	1 - 245 MHz Radio Burst	17 Jan
18 Jan 0019	SUMMARY: 10cm Radio Burst	18 Jan 0014
18 Jan 0057	ALERT: Type II Radio Emission	18 Jan 0016
18 Jan 0553	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	18 Jan 0546
18 Jan 0555	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	18 Jan 0555 - 1600
18 Jan 0615	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	18 Jan 0614
18 Jan 0633	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux > 1000pfu	18 Jan 0530
18 Jan 2047	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	18 Jan 2047 - 19 Jan 1600



### Twenty-seven Day Outlook



Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index	Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
21 Jan	135	12	3	04 Feb	125	10	3
22	135	45	6	05	125	20	4
23	135	25	5	06	130	25	5
24	135	12	3	07	135	15	3
25	125	8	3	08	135	10	3
26	115	8	3	09	130	10	3
27	110	15	3	10	125	12	3
28 Jan	110	25	5	11	120	15	3
29	115	15	4	12	120	25	5
30	115	25	5	13	120	15	3
31	120	25	5	14	120	20	4
01 Feb	125	20	5	15	125	15	3
02	125	20	5	16	130	12	3
03	125	30	5				



### *Energetic Events*

Date	Time		X-ray		Optical Information			Peak		Sweep Freq		
	Begin	Max	$\frac{1}{2}$	Class	Integ Flux	Imp/ Brtns	Location Lat CMD	Rgn #	Radio Flux		Intensity	
			Max						245	2695	II	IV
17 Jan 04	1735	1750	1759	M5.0	.033			540	270000	580	2	
18 Jan 04	0007	0017	0021	M1.4	.005	1n	S15E19	540	23000	190	3	

### *Flare List*

Date	Time			X-ray Class.	Imp / Brtns	Optical		Rgn
	Begin	Max	End			Location Lat CMD		
12 January	0348	0348	0352	C1.6	Sf	S11W56		536
	0838	0840	0848	C1.8	Sf	S11W59		536
	1055	1058	1101	B9.4				537
	1141	1145	1147	B6.7				536
	1502	1506	1512	C1.1				536
	1803	1809	1818	B9.5				540
	1912	1917	1923	C1.1				540
	2158	2211	2218	B7.7				540
13 January	2352	2353	0006	B7.7	Sf	S10W68		536
	0129	0133	0136	C1.1				536
	0244	0245	0253	C2.0	Sf	S06W75		536
	0325	0329	0332	C1.7				536
14 January	0608	0608	0625	C1.5	Sf	N03W06		537
	0000	0004	0007	B6.3				536
	1304	1309	1325	B6.4				
15 January	1506	1510	1516	B7.1				
	1555	1602	1608	C1.0				536
	0119	0123	0126	B6.2				540
16 January	0624	0629	0643	C3.2	1f	S16E52		540
	2257	2304	2313	C1.2				540
	0119	0120	0128	B9.3	Sf	N05W47		537
17 January	0138	0141	0144	B4.6				
	0433	0437	0440	B4.5				540
	0105	0108	0110	B4.1				
17 January	0342	0355	0405	C1.6	Sf	S15E28		540
	0618	0623	0627	B5.3				
	0756	0756	0813	C1.0	Sf	S15E26		540
	0914	0915	0922	C1.4	Sf	S12E20		540
	0939	0940	0946	C1.2	Sf	N08W65		537
	1208	1213	1219	B5.6				540
	1243	1249	1254	C1.5				540
	1510	1517	1522	C1.1				540
1735	1750	1759	M5.0				540	



**Flare List - continued.**

Date	Time			X-ray Class.	Imp / Brtns	Optical	Rgn
	Begin	Max	End			Location Lat CMD	
18 January	0014	0017	0030	M1.4	1n	S15E19	540
	0148	0151	0154	B6.3			
	0558	0600	0603	B5.7	Sf	S16E16	540
	1033	1037	1039	B7.0			540
	1150	1153	1155	B5.0			540
	1348	1353	1356	C1.4	Sf	N05W83	537
	1941	2003	2022	C3.7			
	2140	2144	2149	C1.4			540

**Region Summary**

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

*Region 536*

01 Jan	S11E73	078	0380	05	Hkx	001	A	2	1								
02 Jan	S11E63	074	0770	11	Eko	003	B	3									
03 Jan	S12E51	073	0910	11	Eko	012	B	1	2								
04 Jan	S10E38	074	0740	11	Eki	029	B	5	1								
05 Jan	S11E25	074	0960	11	Ekc	035	Bg	1	1								
06 Jan	S10E12	074	0980	11	Ekc	034	Bgd	2	1								
07 Jan	S12W04	076	0800	14	Ekc	038	Bgd	2									
08 Jan	S11W16	075	0780	10	Dkc	055	Bgd										
09 Jan	S12W28	074	0600	11	Ekc	049	Bg	2	1								
10 Jan	S12W41	074	0550	11	Ekc	030	Bg	5	4	1							
11 Jan	S12W54	074	0480	11	Ekc	022	Bg	4	3								
12 Jan	S12W68	074	0250	11	Eki	025	Bg	3	3								
13 Jan	S12W81	074	0240	11	Eao	006	Bg	3	1								
								33	0	0	18	1	0	0	0	0	

Crossed West Limb.

Absolute heliographic longitude: 076



**Region Summary - continued.**

Date	Location		Sunspot Characteristics				Flares											
	( ° Lat ° CMD)	Helio	Area (10 <sup>-6</sup> hemi)	Extent (helio)	Spot Class	Spot Count	Mag Class	X-ray			Optical							
		Lon						C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4			
<i>Region 537</i>																		
06 Jan	N04E76	010	0060	07	Hax	006	A	1	1									
07 Jan	N05E64	008	0190	07	Cso	010	B		2		2			1				
08 Jan	N04E50	009	0210	07	Dao	019	Bgd	2	1		3		1					
09 Jan	N05E37	009	0270	07	Cko	019	Bgd	2	2		2		1	1				
10 Jan	N05E24	009	0210	07	Dkc	016	Bgd				1							
11 Jan	N05E11	009	0210	07	Dkc	011	Bgd	2										
12 Jan	N05W03	009	0240	06	Dkc	016	Bgd											
13 Jan	N05W16	009	0190	05	Dac	010	Bgd	1			1							
14 Jan	N04W29	010	0190	03	Hsx	004	Bgd											
15 Jan	N04W43	010	0180	05	Ckc	012	Bgd											
16 Jan	N04W57	011	0160	04	Dac	010	Bd						1					
17 Jan	N04W70	011	0170	05	Dao	003	B	1			1							
18 Jan	N04W83	010	0050	05	Cao	003	B	1			1							
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Still on Disk.

Absolute heliographic longitude: 009

*Region 538*

07 Jan	N07E04	068	0010	03	Cro	003	B											
08 Jan	N05W04	063	0010	02	Bxo	002	B											
09 Jan	N05W17	063																
10 Jan	N05W30	063																
11 Jan	N05W43	063																
12 Jan	N05W56	063																
13 Jan	N05W69	063																
								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Still on Disk.

Absolute heliographic longitude: 068

*Region 539*

07 Jan	N09E29	043	0010	04	Cro	002	B											
08 Jan	N09E15	044	0010	03	Bxo	002	B											
09 Jan	N09E02	044																
10 Jan	N09W11	044																
11 Jan	N09W24	044																
12 Jan	N09W37	044																
13 Jan	N09W50	044																
14 Jan	N09W63	044																
								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Crossed West Limb.

Absolute heliographic longitude: 044



**Region Summary - continued.**

Date	Location		Sunspot Characteristics				Flares														
	( ° Lat ° CMD)	Helio	Area (10 <sup>-6</sup> hemi)	Extent (helio)	Spot Class	Spot Count	Mag Class	X-ray			Optical										
		Lon						C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4						
<i>Region 540</i>																					
12 Jan	S11E76	290	0060	06	Hhx	006	A	1													
13 Jan	S11E68	285	0500	15	Eao	007	B														
14 Jan	S13E59	286	0180	11	Eao	004	B														
15 Jan	S13E43	284	0300	14	Eso	010	B	2				1									
16 Jan	S13E28	286	0350	13	Eao	013	B														
17 Jan	S14E15	286	0350	14	Eso	009	B	5	1		3										
18 Jan	S14E02	285	0330	16	Fko	036	B	1	1		1	1									
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<i>Region 541</i>																					
15 Jan	S09W03	330	0030	05	Dso	005	B														
16 Jan	S09W18	332	0010	02	Bxo	003	B														
17 Jan	S09W31	332	0060	03	Dao	003	B														
18 Jan	S10W44	331	0010	02	Bxo	003	B														
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<i>Region 542</i>																					
16 Jan	N11E54	260	0060	03	Cso	002	B														
17 Jan	N11E43	258	0030	01	Hsx	001	A														
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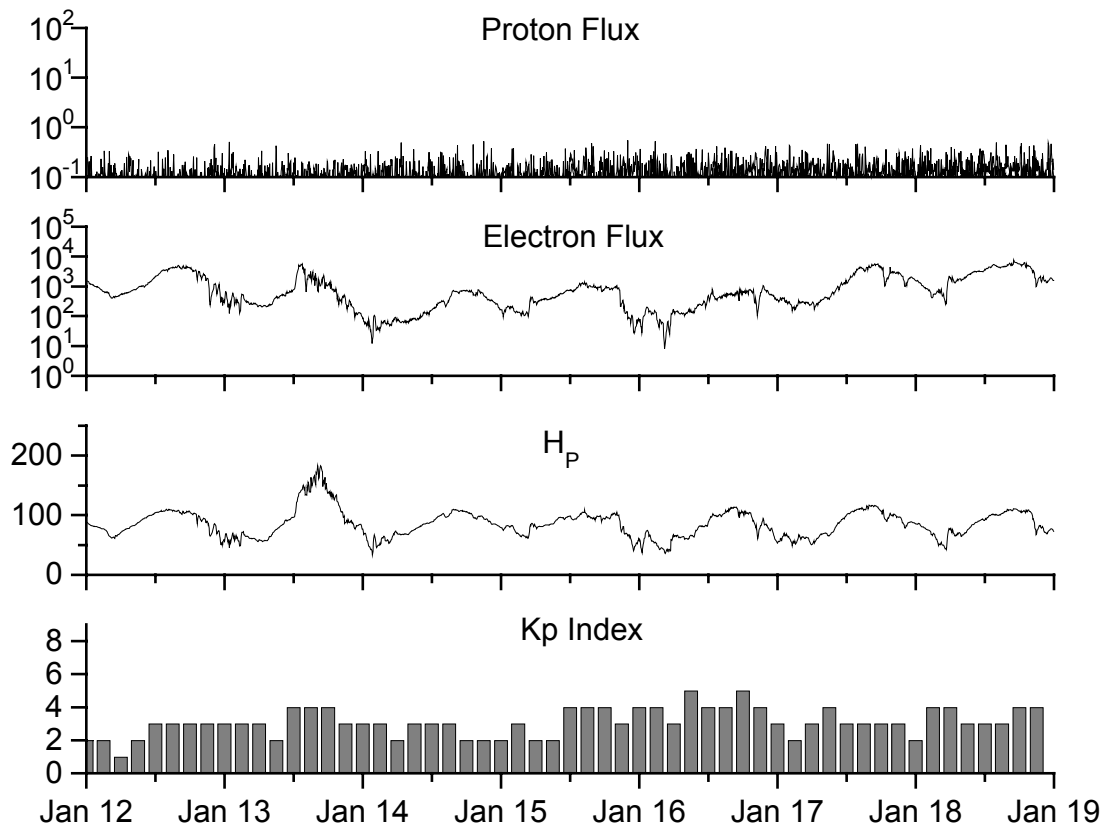


**Recent Solar Indices (preliminary)  
of the observed monthly mean values**

Month	Sunspot Numbers			Radio Flux		Geomagnetic			
	Observed values SWO	Ratio RI	Ratio RI/SWO	Smooth values SWO	Smooth values RI	*Penticton 10.7 cm	Smooth Value	Planetary Ap	Smooth Value
<b>2002</b>									
January	189.0	114.1	0.60	184.8	113.5	227.3	194.6	08	12.3
February	194.5	107.4	0.55	188.6	114.7	205.0	197.2	10	12.8
March	153.1	98.4	0.64	188.9	113.3	180.3	195.7	10	12.9
April	194.9	120.7	0.62	186.2	110.5	189.8	191.5	15	13.2
May	204.1	120.8	0.59	183.6	108.9	178.4	188.0	15	13.3
June	146.0	88.3	0.60	179.9	106.3	148.7	183.0	11	13.5
July	183.5	99.6	0.54	175.4	102.7	173.5	176.3	11	13.7
August	191.0	116.4	0.61	169.2	98.7	183.9	169.5	16	14.2
September	206.4	109.6	0.53	163.4	94.6	175.8	164.1	14	15.0
October	153.9	97.5	0.63	158.8	90.5	167.0	159.4	23	15.6
November	159.8	95.5	0.60	150.9	85.2	168.7	154.8	16	16.3
December	147.9	80.8	0.55	144.6	82.1	158.6	150.9	13	17.0
<b>2003</b>									
January	149.3	79.7	0.53	141.7	81.0	144.0	149.2	13	18.2
February	87.0	46.0	0.53	136.4	78.5	124.5	144.7	17	18.9
March	119.7	61.1	0.51	128.1	74.2	132.2	139.5	21	19.4
April	119.7	60.0	0.50	121.5	70.3	126.3	136.3	20	20.0
May	89.6	55.2	0.62	118.3	67.8	129.3	135.0	26	21.0
June	118.4	77.4	0.65	113.6	65.2	129.4	132.6	24	21.8
July	132.8	85.0	0.64			127.8		20	
August	114.3	72.7	0.64			122.1		23	
September	82.6	48.8	0.59			112.3		19	
October	118.9	65.6	0.55			153.1		32	
November	118.9	67.2	0.57			153.1		31	
December	75.4	47.0	0.62			115.1		17	

**NOTE:** 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.





*Weekly Geosynchronous Satellite Environment Summary*

*Week Beginning 12 January 2004*

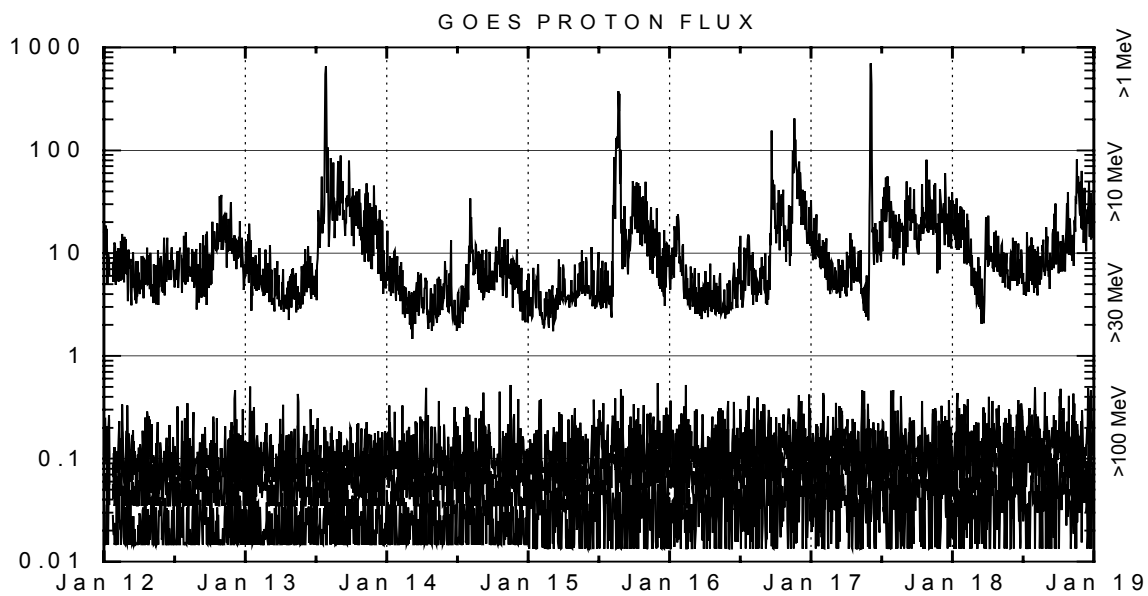
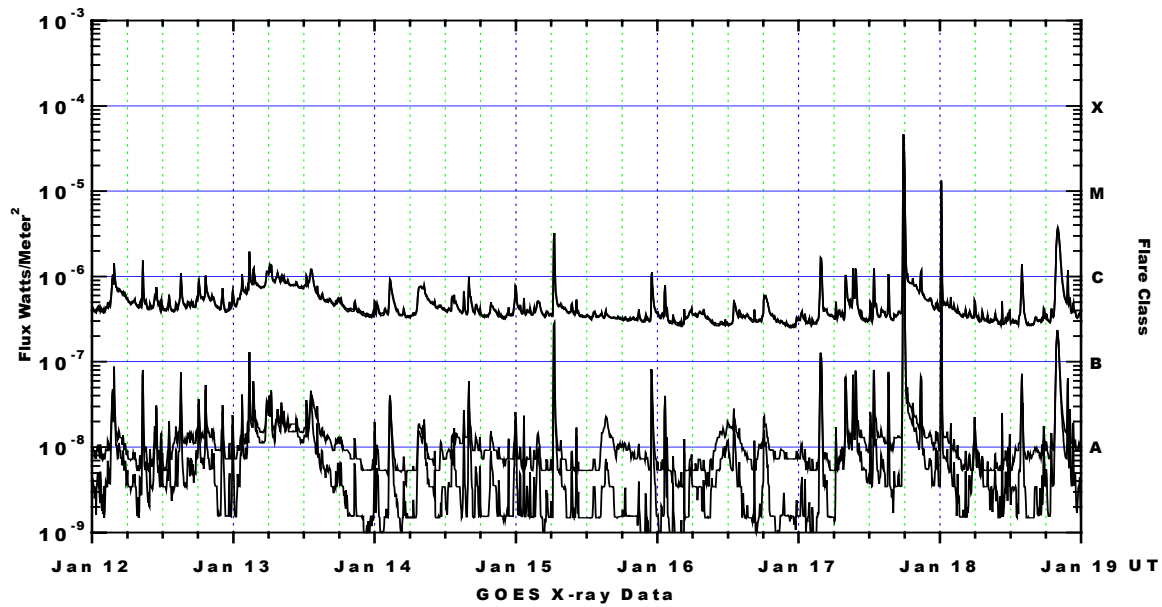
*Protons* plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm<sup>2</sup>-sec-sr) as measured by GOES-11 (W113) for each of three energy thresholds: greater than 10, 50, and 100 MeV.

*Electrons* plot contains the five-minute averaged integral electron flux (electrons/cm<sup>2</sup>-sec-sr) with energies greater than 2 MeV at GOES-12.

*H<sub>p</sub>* plot contains the five minute averaged magnetic field H - component in nanoteslas (nT) as measured by GOES-12. The H component is parallel to the spin axis of the satellite, which is nearly parallel to the Earth's rotation axis.

*K<sub>p</sub>* 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 Heartland, UK. These data are made available through cooperation from the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) and the US Geological Survey. These may differ from the final K<sub>p</sub> values derived from a more extensive network of magnetometers. The data included here are those now available in real time at the SWO 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 K<sub>p</sub> are "global" parameters that are applicable to a first order approximation over large areas. H<sub>p</sub> 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<sup>2</sup>) as measured by GOES 12 and 10 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<sup>2</sup>-sec-sr) as measured by GOES-11 (W113) for each of the energy thresholds: >1, >10, >30 and >100 MeV. P10 event threshold is 10 pfu (protons/cm<sup>2</sup>-sec-sr) at greater than 10 MeV.

