Space Weather Highlights 01 September - 07 September 2008

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Solar activity was very low. No flares were detected. The visible disk was spotless.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached high levels during 04 - 07 September.

Geomagnetic field activity was at predominantly quiet levels during 01 - 03 September. Activity increased to major storm levels on 04 September. Activity decreased to quiet to unsettled levels during 05 - 07 September. ACE solar wind measurements indicated a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) occurred on 03 September in advance of a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (HSS). Solar wind changes associated with the CIR included increased plasma densities (peak 27 p/cc at 03/0402 UTC) and a gradual increase in velocities. Interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) changes during the CIR included an increase in Bt (peak 16 nT at 03/0551 UTC) and intermittent periods of southward Bz (minimum -10 nT at 03/0714 UTC). The HSS commenced on 04 September and continued through the remainder of the period. Velocities ranged from 462 to 658 km/sec during the HSS. IMF activity during the HSS included variable Bz (range + 07 to - 06 nT) and Bt (range 01 to 07 nT). The HSS began to gradually subside on 07 September.

Space Weather Outlook 10 September - 06 October 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 10 - 12 September, 15 - 22 September, and 01 - 06 October. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels during 08 - 12 September. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled levels during 13 September. Activity is expected to increase to active to minor storm levels on 14 September due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled levels during 15 - 16 September as the high-speed stream subsides. Quiet conditions are expected during 17 - 29 September. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled levels on 30 September. A further increase to active to minor storm levels is expected during 01 - 02 October due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled levels during 03 - 04 October as the high-speed stream subsides. Quiet conditions are expected during 05 - 06 October.



Daily Solar Data

	Radio Sun Sunspot X-ray				_			Flares				
	Flux	spot	Area	Background	nd X-ray Flux							
Date 1	0.7 cm	No.	(10 ⁻⁶ hemi.))	С	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
01 September	66	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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07 September	67	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

Daily Particle Data

	Pr	oton Fluence		Electron Fluence
_	(prot	ons/cm ² -day-sr	.)	(electrons/cm ² -day-sr)
Date	>1 MeV	>10 MeV	>100 MeV	>.6 MeV >2MeV >4 MeV
01 September	9.4E + 5	1.8E+4	4.1E+3	9.4E+6
02 September	7.8E + 5	1.9E+4	4.3E+3	7.3E+6
03 September	1.3E+6	1.8E+4	4.0E+3	1.9E+6
04 September	3.3E+6	1.8E+4	3.9E+3	2.0E+7
05 September	1.2E+6	1.7E+4	3.9E+3	1.4E + 8
06 September	1.1E+6	1.7E+4	3.8E+3	1.4E + 8
07 September	1.3E+6	1.7E+4	3.9E+3	6.2E+7

Daily Geomagnetic Data

	N	Iiddle Latitude		High Latitude	I	Estimated
	F	redericksburg		College	I	Planetary
Date	Α	K-indices	Α	K-indices	A	K-indices
01 September	2	1-1-0-0-1-0-1-0	2	1-2-0-0-0-0-1-0	4	1-1-0-0-1-2-2-2
02 September	2	1-0-1-1-1-0-1-1	4	0-0-1-3-2-0-0-1	3	1-0-0-1-1-0-1-1
03 September	7	0-2-3-2-2-2-2	5	0-1-2-3-0-2-1-1	7	1-2-2-1-2-2-3
04 September	17	4-5-3-3-3-2-2-1	50	5-5-6-6-6-5-2-2	33	6-6-4-4-3-2-1
05 September	7	2-3-1-2-2-1-1-2	9	2-3-1-2-4-1-1-1	7	2-3-0-0-2-1-1-2
06 September	7	3-1-1-2-2-1-2-2	9	2-2-0-3-4-2-1-1	7	3-1-0-1-3-2-2-2
07 September	7	3-2-1-0-2-2-3-1	7	2-1-0-2-4-1-2-1	8	3-2-0-0-2-1-3-1

Alerts and Warnings Issued

	1100105 00100 17 001101055 1550000	
Date & Time of Issue	e Type of Alert or Warning	Date & Time of Event UTC
04 Sep 0139	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	04 Sept 0140 - 1600
04 Sep 0147	ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 4$	04 Sept 0145
04 Sep 0159	WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 5$	04 Sept 0200 - 0300
04 Sep 0207	ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 5$	04 Sept 0205
04 Sep 0349	WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 5$	04 Sept 0350 - 1600
04 Sep 0428	ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 5$	04 Sept 0425
04 Sep 0438	ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 6$	04 Sept 0435
04 Sep 1555	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 4$	04 Sept 0140 - 2359
04 Sep 1711	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux>1000pfu	ı 04 Sept 1655

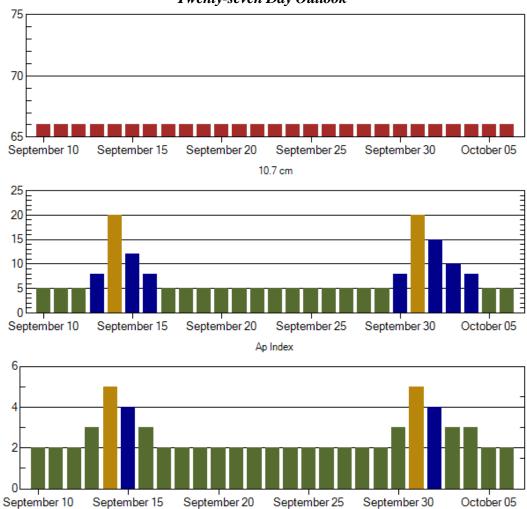


Alerts and Warnings Issued – continued.

Date & Time of Issue	e Type of Alert or Warning	Date & Time of Event UTC
05 Sep 0907	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux>1000pfu	05 Sept 0845
06 Sep 0716	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux>1000pfu	06 Sept 0655
06 Sep 1454	ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 4$	06 Sept 1452
07 Sep 1332	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux>1000pfu	07 Sept 1310



Twenty-seven Day Outlook



Largest Daily Kp Index

	Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest		Radio Flux	Planetary	Largest
Date	10.7 cm	A Index	Kp Index	Date	10.7 cm	•	Kp Index
10 Sept	66	5	2	24 Sept	66	5	2
11	66	5	2	25	66	5	2
12	66	5	2	26	66	5	2
13	66	8	3	27	66	5	2
14	66	20	5	28	66	5	2
15	66	12	3	29	66	5	2
16	66	8	3	30	66	8	3
17	66	5	2	01 Oct	66	20	5
18	66	5	2	02	66	15	4
19	66	5	2	03	66	10	3
20	66	5	2	04	66	8	3
21	66	5	2	05	66	5	2
22	66	5	2	06	66	5	2
23	66	5	2				



Energetic Events

					Littige	iic Dicitis					
	Date Time			X-ray	Op	tical Information	1	Peak	Sweep Freq Intensity		
Date				Integ	g Imp/	Location	Rgn	Radio Flux			
	Begin	Max	Max	Class Flux	Brtns	Lat CMD	#	245 2695	II IV		
No l	Events Obse	erved									

Flare List

		Optical		
Time	X-ray	Imp/	Location	Rgn
Begin Max End	Class.	Brtns	Lat CMD	
No Flares Observed				
No Flares Observed				
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No Flares Observed				
No Flares Observed				
No Flares Observed				
No Flares Observed				
	Begin Max End No Flares Observed	Begin Max End Class. No Flares Observed No Flares Observed	Time X-ray Imp/ Begin Max End Class. Brtns No Flares Observed	Begin Max End Class. Brtns Lat CMD No Flares Observed No Flares Observed

Region Summary

	Locatio	n	Sunspot Characteristics						Flares						
		Helio	Area	Area Extent Spot Spot I					X-ray Opt			Optic	ical		
Date	(°Lat°CMD)	Lon	(10 ⁻⁶ hemi)	(helio)	Class	Count	Class	C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4
No a	ctive regions.														



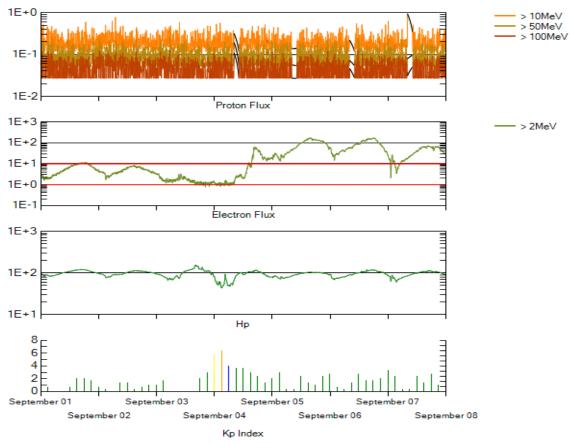
Recent Solar Indices (preliminary)
Of the observed monthly mean values

Sunspot Numbers Radio Flux Geomagnetic											
(Observed	-		Smooth	values	*Penticton		Planetary	_		
Month	SEC	RI	RI/SEC	SEC	RI	10.7 cm	Value	Ap	Value		
	_				2006						
September	25.2	14.5	0.58	27.7	15.6	77.8	80.2	8	8.7		
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October	15.7	10.4	0.66	25.2	14.2	74.3	79.4	8	8.6		
November	31.5	21.5	0.68	22.3	12.7	86.4	78.5	9	8.5		
December	22.2	13.6	0.61	20.7	12.1	84.3	77.9	15	8.5		
T	26.6	160	0.64		2007	02.5	77.5		0.4		
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	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			72.9		10			
April	4.9	2.9	0.59			70.3		9			
May	5.7	2.9	0.51			68.4		6			
June	4.2	3.1	0.74			65.9		7			
July	1.0	0.5	0.50			65.8		6			
August	0.0	0.5	**			66.4		5			

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.



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



Weekly Geosynchronous Satellite Environment Summary Week Beginning 01 September 2008

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.

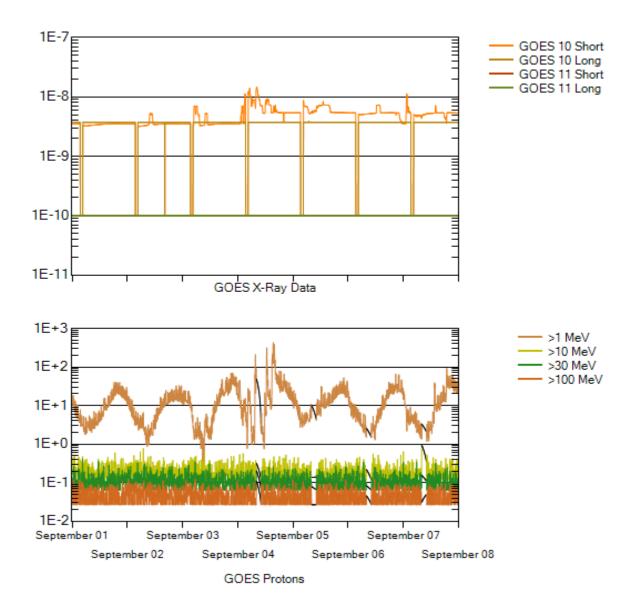
Electrons plot contains the five-minute averaged integral electron flux (electrons/cm²-sec -sr) with energies greater than 2 MeV at GOES-12 (W075).

Hp 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.

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 SEC 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.





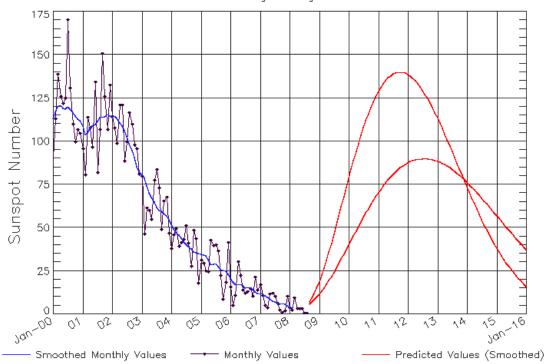
Weekly GOES Satellite X-ray and Proton Plots

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/cm² –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/cm²-sec-sr) at greater than 10 MeV.



ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression Data Through 31 Aug 08



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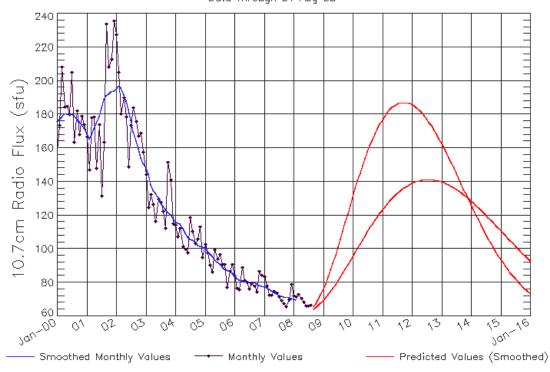
SEC Prediction of Smoothed Sunspot Number

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo	Hi/Lo
2006	21	19	17	17	17	16	15	16	16	14	13	12
	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)
2007	12	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	5
	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)
2008	4	4	4/3	4/4	5/4	6/5	6/5	8/6	9/7	11/7	14/9	17/10
	(***)	(***)	(1)	(3)	(5)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
2009	20/12	24/14	27/15	31/17	36/20	41/22	46/24	52/27	57/29	62/32	68/35	73/37
	(14)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2010	79/40	84/43	89/45	94/48	99/51	103/53	108/56	112/59	116/61	119/63	123/66	126/68
	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2011	129/70	131/72	133/74	135/76	137/78	138/79	139/81	140/82	140/84	140/85	140/86	139/87
	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2012	139/88	138/88	136/89	135/89	133/90	131/90	129/90	127/90	125/90	122/90	119/89	116/89
	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2013	114/89	110/88	107/87	104/86	101/86	97/85	94/84	91/83	87/81	84/80	80/79	77/78
	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2014	74/76	70/75	67/73	64/72	61/70	58/69	55/67	52/65	49/64	46/62	44/60	41/59
	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
2015	38/57	36/55	34/54	32/52	30/50	28/49	26/47	24/45	22/44	21/42	19/40	18/39
	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)

Note: Hi is for the larger solar cycle prediction, Lo is for the smaller solar cycle prediction



ISES Solar Cycle F10.7cm Radio Flux Progression
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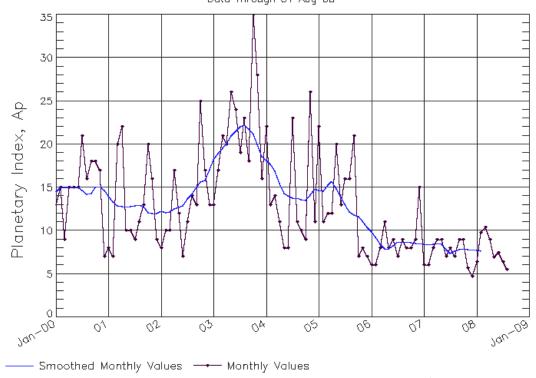
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SEC Prediction of Smoothed F10.7cm Radio Flux

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Hi/Lo											
2006	84	83	82	81	81	81	80	80	80	79	79	78
	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)
2007	78	77	76	75	74	73	73	72	72	72	71	71
	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)	(***)
2008	70	70	69/64	69/64	70/64	69/63	69/62	70/62	71/62	72/62	73/63	76/64
	(***)	(***)	(1)	(3)	(5)	(7)	(9)	(11)	(13)	(15)	(17)	(19)
2009	78/65	81/69	83/73	87/75	92/77	96/79	101/81	106/83	111/86	116/88	121/90	126/93
	(21)	(22)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)
2010	131/95	136/98	140/100	145/103	149/105	154/108	158/110	161/112	165/115	168/117	171/119	174/121
	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)
2011	177/123	179/125	181/127	183/128	184/130	185/132	186/133	187/134	187/135	187/136	187/137	187/138
	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)
2012	186/139	185/140	184/140	183/141	181/141	179/141	177/141	175/141	173/141	171/141	168/141	166/140
	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)
2013	163/140	160/139	157/139	154/138	151/137	148/136	145/136	142/135	139/134	136/132	133/131	129/130
	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)
2014	126/129	123/127	120/126	117/125	115/123	112/122	109/120	106/119	104/117	101/116	99/114	96/113
	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)
2015	94/111	92/110	90/108	88/106	86/105	84/103	82/102	81/100	79/99	78/97	76/96	75/94
	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)	(23)



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