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Executive Summary

The GPS Product Team has tasked the Navigation Branch at the William J. Hughes Technical Center to document the Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Positioning Service (SPS) performance in quarterly GPS Performance Analysis (PAN) Reports. The report contains the analysis performed on data collected at twenty-eight Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) Reference Stations. This analysis verifies the GPS SPS performance as compared to the performance parameters stated in the SPS Specification (September 2008).

This report, Report #77, includes data collected from 1 January through 31 March 2012. The next quarterly report will be issued July 31, 2012.

Analysis of this data includes the following standards and categories: PDOP Availability, NANU Summary and Evaluation, Service Availability, Position and Range Accuracy and Solar Storm Effects on GPS SPS performance.

PDOP availability is based on Position Dilution of Precision (PDOP). Utilizing the weekly almanac posted on the US Coast Guard navigation web site, the coverage for every 5^{o} grid point between 180W to 180E and 80S and 80N was calculated for every minute over a 24-hour period for each of the weeks covered in the reporting period. For this reporting period, the global availability based on PDOP less than six for CONUS was 100%.

NANU summary and evaluation was achieved by reviewing the “Notice: Advisory to Navstar Users” (NANU) reports issued between 1 January and 31 March 2012. Using this data, we compute a set of statistics that give a relative idea of constellation health for both the current and combined history of past quarters. A total of eight outages were reported in the NANU’s this quarter. Six outages were scheduled while two were unscheduled.

The quarterly service availability standard was verified using 24-hour position accuracy values computed from data collected at one-second intervals. All of the sites achieved a 100% availability, which exceeds the SPS “average location” value of 99% and the “worst-case location” value of 90%.

Calculating the 24-hour 95% horizontal and vertical position error values verified the accuracy standards. The User Range Error standard was verified for each satellite from 24-hour accuracy values computed using data collected at the following six sites: Boston, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Miami, San Juan and Juneau. This data was also collected in one-second samples. All sites achieved 100% reliability, meeting the SPS specification. The maximum range error recorded was 19.760 meters on Satellite PRN 10. The SPS specification states that the range error should never exceed 30 meters for less than 99.79% of the day for a worst-case point and 99.94% globally. The maximum RMS range error value of 1.726 recorded on satellite PRN 20. The SPS specification states that RMS URE cannot exceed 6 meters in any 24-hour interval.

Geomagnetic storms had little to no effect on GPS performance this quarter. All sites met all GPS Standard Positioning Service (SPS) specifications on those days with the most significant solar activity.

The IGS is a voluntary federation of many worldwide agencies that pool resources and permanent GNSS station data to generate precise GNSS products. During the evaluation period, the maximum 95% horizontal and vertical SPS errors were 6.61 meters at Maspalomas, Spain and 6.70 meters at Dededo, Guam respectively.

From the analysis performed on data collected between 1 January and 31 March 2012, the GPS performance met all SPS requirements that were evaluated. There were no significant problems to report for the duration of the quarter.

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1.1 Objective of GPS SPS Performance Analysis Report

In 1993, the FAA began monitoring and analyzing Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Positioning Service (SPS) performance data. At present, the FAA has approved GPS and WAAS for IFR operations and is developing Local Area Augmentation (LAAS), which is an additional GPS augmentation system. In order to ensure the safe and effective use of GPS and its augmentation systems within the NAS, it is critical that characteristics of GPS performance as well as specific causes for service outages be monitored and understood. To accomplish this objective, GPS SPS performance data is documented in a quarterly GPS Analysis report. This report contains data collected at the following twenty-eight WAAS reference station locations:

- Bethel, AK
- Billings, MT
- Fairbanks, AK
- Cold Bay, AK
- Kotzebue, AK
- Juneau, AK
- Albuquerque, NM
- Anchorage, AK
- Boston, MA
- Washington, D.C.
- Honolulu, HI
- Houston, TX
- Kansas city, KS
- Los Angeles, CA
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Miami, FL
- Minneapolis, MI
- Oakland, CA
- Cleveland, OH
- Seattle, WA
- San Juan, PR
- Atlanta, GA
- Barrow, AK
- Merida, Mexico
- Gander, Canada
- Tapachula, Mexico
- San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico
- Iqaluit, Canada

The analysis of the data is divided into the four performance categories stated in the Standard Positioning Service Performance Specification (September 2008). These categories are:

- PDOP Availability Standard
- Service Availability Standard
- Service Reliability Standard
- Positioning, Ranging and Timing Accuracy Standard

The results were then compared to the performance parameters stated in the SPS.

1.2 Report Overview

Section 2 of this report summarizes the results obtained from the coverage calculation program developed by the GPS test team. The SPS coverage area program uses the GPS satellite almanacs to compute each satellite position as a function of time for a selected day of the week. This program establishes a 5-degree grid between 180 degrees east and 180 degrees west, and from 80 degrees north and 80 degrees south. The program then computes the PDOP at each grid point (1485 total grid points) every minute for the entire day and stores the results. After the PDOP's have been saved the 99.99% index of 1-minute PDOP at each grid point is determined and plotted as contour lines (Figure 2-1). The program also saves the number of satellites used in PDOP calculation at each grid point for analysis.

Section 3 summarizes the GPS constellation performance by providing the "Notice: Advisory to Navstar Users" (NANU) messages to calculate the total time of forecasted and actual satellite outages. This section also evaluates the Service Availability Standard using 24-hour 95% horizontal and vertical position accuracy values.

Section 4 summarizes service reliability performance. It will be reported at the end of the first year of this analysis because the SPS standard is based on a measurement interval of one year. Data for the quarter is provided for completeness.

Section 5 provides the position accuracies based on data collected on a daily basis at one-second intervals. This section also provides the statistics on the range error, range error rate and range acceleration error for each satellite. The overall average, maximum, minimum and standard deviations of the range rates and accelerations are tabulated for each satellite.

In Section 6, the data collected during solar storms is analyzed to determine the effects, if any, of GPS SPS performance.

Section 7 provides an analysis of GPS-SPS accuracy performance from a selection of high rate IGS stations around the world.

Section 8 provides a summary of GPS Test NOTAMs.

Section 9 provides four appendices to summarize the data found in this report and provide further information.

Appendix A provides a summary of all the results as compared to the SPS specification.

Appendix B provides the geomagnetic data used for Section 6.

Appendix C provides a PAN Problem Report.

Appendix D provides a glossary of terms used in this PAN report. This glossary was obtained directly from the GPS SPS specification document (September 2008).

1.3 Summary of Performance Requirements and Metrics

Table 1-1 over the next four pages lists the performance parameters from the SPS and identifies those parameters verified in this report.

Table 1-1 SPS SIS Performance Requirements Standards

Per-Satellite Coverage	**Conditions and Constraints**	**Evaluated in This Report**
Terrestrial Service Volume: 100% Coverage Space Service Volume: No Coverage Performance Specified	• For any health or marginal SPS SIS	**Future Report**
Constellation Coverage	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Terrestrial Service Volume: 100% Coverage Space Service Volume: No Coverage Performance Specified	• For any healthy or marginal SPS SIS	**Future Report**
User Range Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Single Frequency C/A-Code • ≤ 7.8m 9%% Global Average URE during normal operations over All AODs • ≤ 6.0m 95% Global Average URE during operations at Zero AOD • ≤ 12.8m 95% Global Average URE during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors • Including group delay time correction (T_{GD}) errors at L1 • Including inter-signal bias (P(Y)-code to C/A-code) errors at L1	✓
Single Frequency C/A-Code • ≤ 30m 99.94% Global Average URE during normal operations • ≤ 30m 99.79% Worst Case single point average during normal operations.	• For any healthy SPS SIS. • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors • Including group delay time correction (T_{GD}) errors at L1 • Including inter-signal bias (P(Y)-code to C/A-code) errors at L1 • Standard based on measurement interval of one year; average of daily values within service volume • Standard based on 3 service failures per year, lasting no more than 6 hours each	✓
User Range Rate Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 6 mm/sec 95% Global Average URRE over any 3-second interval during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting all perceived pseudorange rate errors attributable to pseudorange step changes caused by NAV message data cutovers • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors	✓

User Range Acceleration Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	**Evaluated in This Report**
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 2 mm/sec² 95% Global average URAE over any 3-second interval during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting all perceived pseudorange rate errors attributable to pseudorange step changes caused by NAV message data cutovers • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors	✓
Coordinated Universal Time Offset Error Accuracy		
• ≤ 40 nanoseconds 95% Global average UTCOE during normal operations at Any AOD.	• For any healthy SPS SIS	✓
Instantaneous URE Integrity	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 1x10^{-5} Probability over any hour of the SPS SIS Instantaneous URE exceeding the NTE tolerance without a timely alert during normal operations.	• For any healthy SPS SIS • SPS SIS URE NTE tolerance defined to be ±4.42 times the upper bound on the URA value corresponding to the URA index "N" currently broadcast by the satellite. • Given that the maximum SPS SIS instantaneous URE did not exceed the NTE tolerance at the start of the hour • Worst case for delayed alert is 6 hours. • Neglecting singe-frequency ionospheric delay model errors	**Future Report**
Instantaneous UTCOE Integrity	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 1x10^{-5} Probability over any hour of the SPS SIS Instantaneous UTCOE exceeding the NTE tolerance without a timely alert during normal operations.	• For any healthy SPS SIS • SPS SIS URE NTE tolerance defined	**Future Report**
Unscheduled Failure Interruption Continuity	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Unscheduled Failure Interruptions: • ≥ 0.9998 Probability over any hour of not losing the SPS SIS availability from a slot due to unscheduled interruption	• Calculated as an average over all slots in the 24-slot constellation, normalized annually • Given that the SPS SIS is available from the slot at the start of the hour	**Future Report**

Status and Problem Reporting	Conditions and Constraints	Evaluated in This Report
Scheduled event affecting service • Appropriate NANU issued to the Coast Guard and the FAA at least 48 hours prior to the event	• For any SPS SIS	✓
Unscheduled outage or problem affecting service • Appropriate NANU issued to the Coast Guard and the FAA as soon as possible after the event	• For any SPS SIS	✓
Per-Slot Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 0.957 Probability that a slot in the baseline 24-slot configuration will be occupied by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS • ≥ 0.957 Probability that a slot in the expanded configuration will be occupied by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a health SPS SIS	• Calculated as an average over all slots in the 24-slot constellation, normalized annually • Applies to satellites broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS that also satisfy the other performance standards in the SPS performance standard.	✓
Constellation Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 0.98 Probability that at least 21 slots out of the 24 will be occupied either by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the baseline 24-slot configuration or by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the expanded slot configuration • ≥ 0.99999 Probability that at least 20 slots out of the 24 will be occupied either by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the baseline 24-slot configuration or by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the expanded slot configuration	• Calculated as an average over all slots in the 24-slot constellation, normalized annually. • Applies to satellites broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS that also satisfies the other performance standards in the SPS performance standard.	✓
Operational Satellite Count	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 0.95 Probability that the constellation will have at least 24 operational satellites regardless of whether those operational satellites are located in slots or not	• Applies to the total number of operational satellites in the constellation (averaged over any day); where any satellite which appears in the transmitted navigation message almanac is defined to be an operation satellite regardless of whether that satellite is currently broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS or not and regardless of whether the broadcast SPS SIS also satisfies the other performance standards in the SPS performance standard or not.	✓

PDOP Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	**Evaluated in This Report**
• ≥ 98% global PDOP of 6 or less • ≥ 88% worst site PDOP of 6 or less	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval	✓
Service Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 99% Horizontal Service Availability, average location • ≥ 99% Vertical Service Availability, average location	• 17m Horizontal (SIS only) 95% threshold • 37m Vertical (SIS only) 95% threshold • Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.	✓
• ≥ 90% Horizontal Service Availability, worst-case location • ≥ 90% Vertical Service Availability, worst-case location	• 17m Horizontal (SIS only) 95% threshold • 37m Vertical (SIS only) 95% threshold • Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.	✓
Position/Time Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Global Average Position Domain Accuracy • ≤ 9m 95% Horizontal Error • ≤ 15m 95% Vertical Error	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.	✓
Worst Site Position Domain Accuracy • ≤ 17m 95% Horizontal Error • ≤ 37m 95% Vertical Error	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.	✓
Time Transfer Domain Accuracy • ≤ 40 nanoseconds time transfer error 95% of time (SIS only)	• Defined for a time transfer solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.	✓

2 PDOP Availability Standard

PDOP Availability: The percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the PDOP value is less than or equal to its threshold for any point within the service volume.

Dilution of Precision (DOP): The magnifying effect on GPS position error induced by mapping GPS range errors into position within the specified coordinate system through the geometry of the position solution. The DOP varies as a function of satellite positions relative to user position. The DOP may be represented in any user local coordinate desired. Examples are HDOP for local horizontal, VDOP for local vertical, PDOP for all three coordinates, and TDOP for time.

PDOP Availability Standard	Conditions and Constraints
≥ 98% global PDOP of 6 or less ≥ 88% worst site PDOP of 6 or less	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval

Almanacs for GPS weeks used for this coverage portion of the report were obtained from the Coast Guard web site (www.navcen.uscg.mil). Using these almanacs, an SPS coverage area program developed by the GPS test team was used to calculate the PDOP at every 5^o point between longitudes of 180W to 180E and 80S and 80N at one-minute intervals. This gives a total of 1440 samples for each of the 2376 grid points in the coverage area. Table 2-1 provides the global averages and worst-case availability over a 24-hour period for each week. Table 2-1 also gives the global 99.9% PDOP value for each of the thirteen GPS Weeks. The PDOP was 2.732 or better 99.9% of the time for each of the 24-hour intervals.

Figure 2-1 is a contour plot of PDOP values over the entire globe. Inside each contour area, the PDOP value is greater than or equal to the contour value shown in the legend for that color line. That areas' value is also less than the next higher contour value, unless another contour line lies within the current area. A single "DOP hole" where the PDOP value is greater than 6 was evaluated for satellite visibility for one 24-hour interval from the week shaded in Table 2-1. The histogram in figure 2-2 shows the satellite visibility at the DOP hole position for the 24 hour interval in question.

The GPS coverage performance evaluated met the specifications stated in the SPS.

Table 2-1 PDOP Availability Statistics

Date Range of Week	Global 99.9% PDOP Value	Global Average (Spec: ≥ 98%)	Worst-Case Point (Spec: ≥ 88%)
1 – 7 January	2.664	100%	100%
8 – 14 January	2.665	100%	100%
15 – 21 January	2.700	100%	100%
22 – 28 January	2.699	100%	100%
29 Jan – 4 Feb	2.699	100%	100%
5 – 11 February	2.700	100%	100%
12 – 18 February	2.704	100%	100%
19 – 25 February	2.731	100%	100%
26 Feb – 3 March	2.715	100%	100%
4 – 10 March	2.720	100%	100%
11 – 17 March	2.725	100%	100%
18 – 24 March	2.728	100%	100%
25 – 31 March	2.732	100%	100%

Figure 2-1 World GPS Maximum PDOP

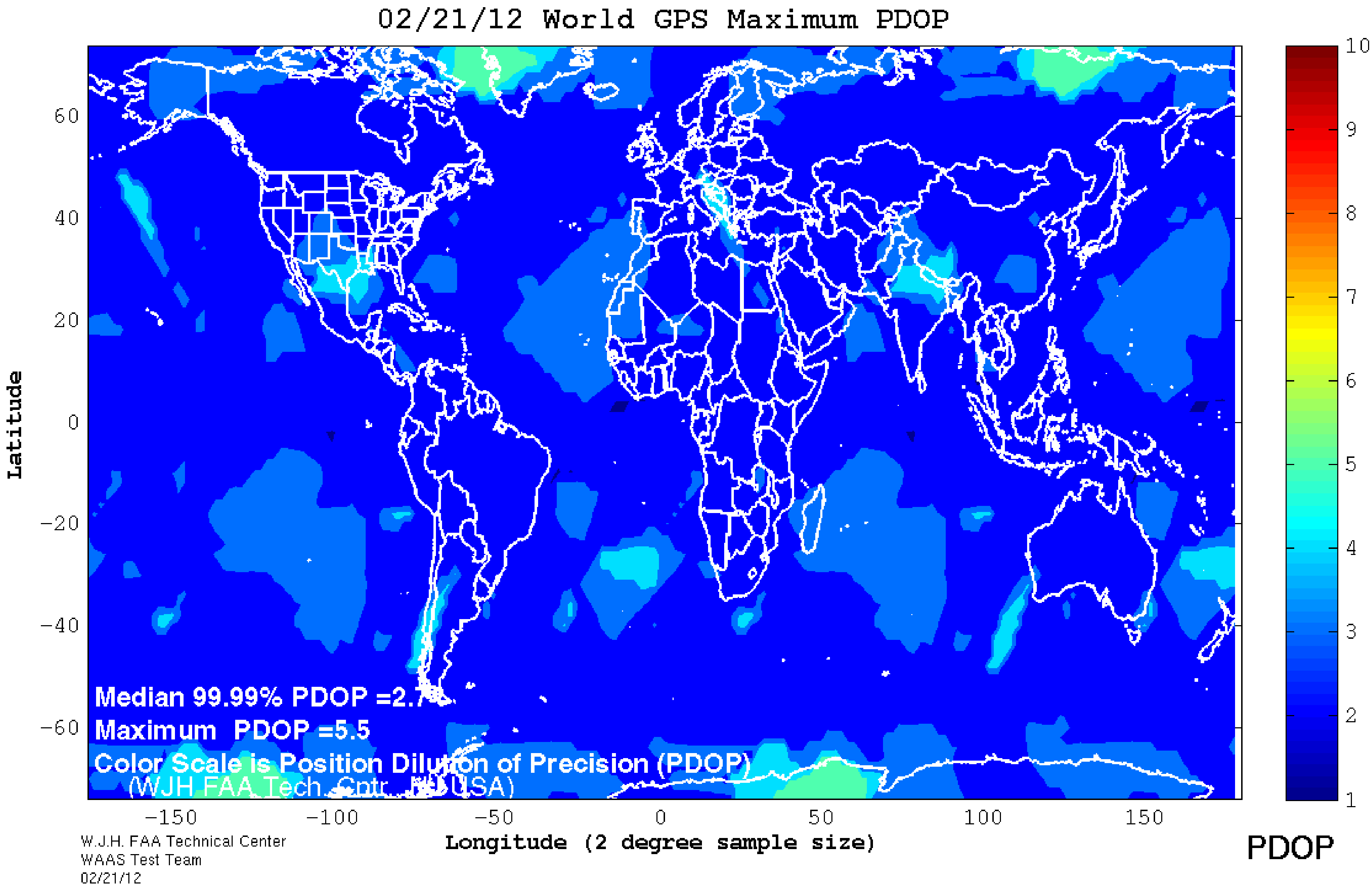
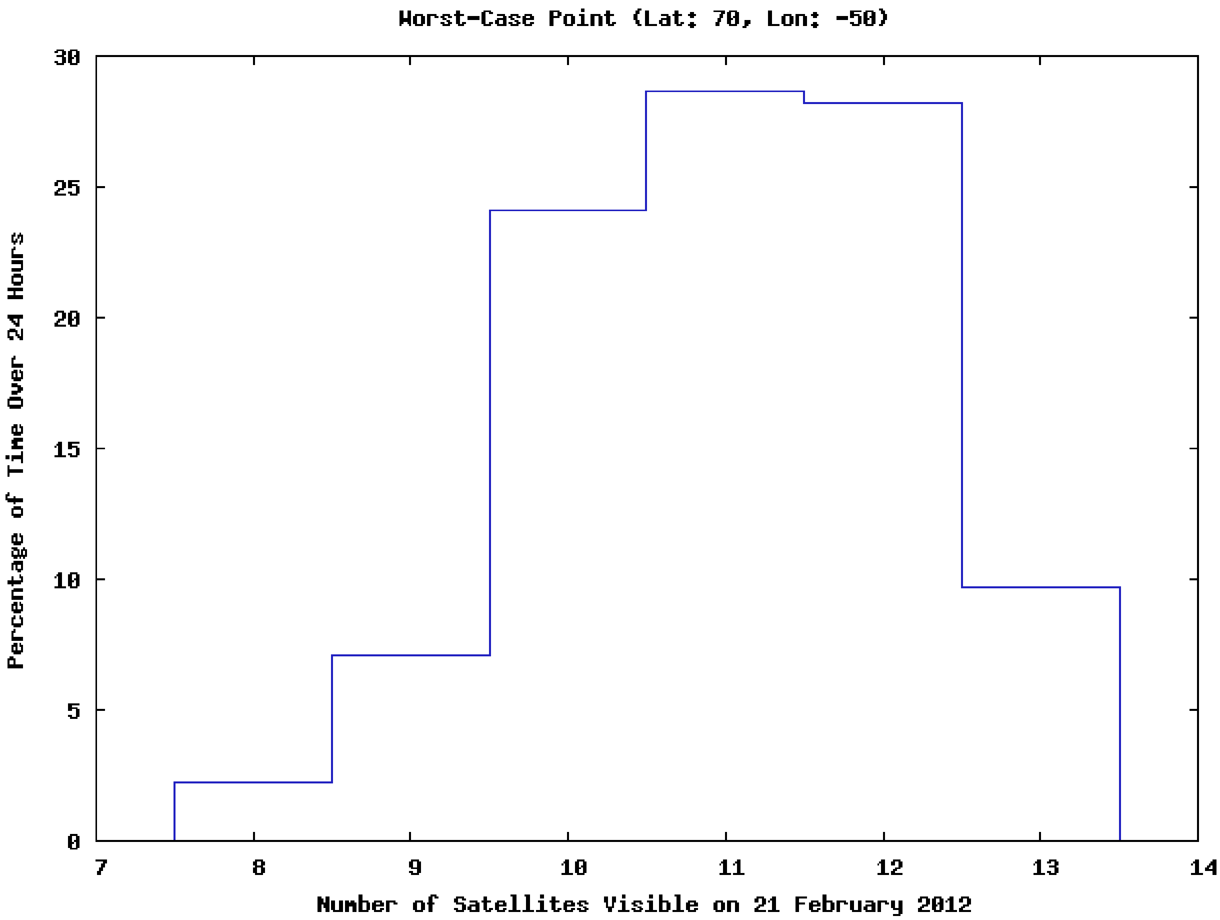


Figure 2-2 Satellite Visibility Profile for Worst-Case Point



3 NANU Summary and Evaluation

NANU: Notice Advisory to NAVSTAR Users – A periodic bulletin alerting users to changes in the satellite system performance.

Status and Problem Reporting	Conditions and Constraints
Scheduled event affecting service • Appropriate NANU issued to the Coast Guard and the FAA at least 48 hours prior to the event	• For any SPS SIS
Unscheduled outage or problem affecting service • Appropriate NANU issued to the Coast Guard and the FAA as soon as possible after the event	• For any SPS SIS

3.1 Satellite Outages from NANU Reports

Satellite availability performance was analyzed based on published "Notice: Advisory to Navstar Users" messages (NANU's). During this reporting period, 1 January through 31 March 2012, there were a total of eight reported outages. Six of these outages were maintenance activities and were reported in advance while two were unscheduled. A complete listing of outage NANU's for the reporting period is provided in Table 3-1. A complete listing of the forecasted outage NANU's for the reporting period can be found in Table 3-2. Canceled outage NANU's (if any) are provided in Table 3-3. The minimum duration a scheduled outage was forecasted ahead of time was112.86 hours, which met the 48-hour requirement. The maximum response time for a NANU issued for an unscheduled outage was 0.15 hours.

Table 3-1 NANUs Affecting Satellite Availability

NANU#	PRN	TYPE	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Total Unscheduled	Total Scheduled	Total
2012002	3	FCSTSUMM	23-Jan	15:24	23-Jan	16:28		1.07	1.07
2012005	14	FCSTSUMM	7-Feb	11:24	7-Feb	16:19		4.92	4.92
2012009	27	FCSTSUMM	21-Feb	23:12	22-Feb	5:25		6.22	6.22
2012012	26	UNUSABLE	9-Feb	19:13	23-Feb	16:30	333.28		333.28
2012015	25	UNUSABLE	27-Feb	20:14	28-Feb	17:49	21.58		21.58
2012016	1	FCSTSUMM	29-Feb	19:41	29-Feb	21:36		1.92	1.92
2012017	4	FCSTSUMM	1-Mar	15:16	1-Mar	21:04		5.80	5.80
2012020	27	FCSTSUMM	26-Mar	14:18	26-Mar	15:56		1.63	1.63
Totals of Unscheduled, Scheduled & Total Downtime							354.86	21.56	376.42

GENERAL NANUs

2012003	27-Jan-12	Resume Transmitting L-band signal. Will not be included in broadcast almanac
2012018	09-Mar-12	Resume Transmitting L-band signal. Will not be included in broadcast almanac

Table 3-2 NANUs Forecasted to Affect Satellite Availability

NANU #	PRN	Type	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Total	Comments
2012001	3	FCSTMX	23-Jan	15:00	24-Jan	3:00	12	2012002
2012004	14	FCSTDV	7-Feb	11:00	7-Feb	23:00	12	2012005
2012006	26	UNUSUFN	9-Feb	19:13				2012012
2012007	27	FCSTDV	21-Feb	23:00	22-Feb	11:00	12	2012009
2012008	1	FCSTMX	22-Feb	20:00	23-Feb	8:00	0	2012011
2012010	4	FCSTDV	1-Mar	15:00	2-Mar	3:00	12	2012017
2012013	1	FCSTMX	29-Feb	19:30	1-Mar	7:30	12	2012016
2012014	25	UNUSUFN	27-Feb	20:14				2012015
2012019	27	FCSTMX	26-Mar	14:00	27-Mar	2:00	12	2012020
Total Forecasted Downtime							72	

Table 3-3 Cancelled NANUs

NANU#	PRN	Type	Start Date	Start Time	Comments
2012011	1	FCSTCANC	22-Feb	20:00	2012008

Satellite Reliability, Maintainability, and Availability (RMA) data is being collected based on published "Notice: Advisory to Navstar Users" messages (NANU's). This data has been summarized in Table 3-4. The "Total Satellite Observed MTTR" was calculated by taking the average downtime of all satellite outage occurrences. Scheduled downtime was forecasted in advance via NANU's. All other downtime reported via NANU was considered unscheduled. The "Percent Operational" was calculated based on the ratio of total actual operating hours to total available operating hours for every satellite.

Table 3-4 GPS Satellite Maintenance Statistics

Satellite Reliability/Maintainability/Availability (RMA) Parameter	1-Jan-12 31-Mar-12	1-Jan-00 31-Mar-12
Total Forecast Downtime (hrs):	72.00	9154.82
Total Actual Downtime (hrs):	376.42	37608.45
Total Actual Scheduled Downtime (hrs):	21.56	5178.07
Total Actual Unscheduled Downtime (hrs):	354.86	32430.38
Total Satellite Observed MTTR (hrs):	47.05	52.9
Scheduled Satellite Observed MTTR (hrs):	3.59	9.31
Unscheduled Satellite Observed MTTR (hrs):	177.43	209.23
# Total Satellite Outages:	8	711
# Scheduled Satellite Outages:	6	556
# Unscheduled Satellite Outages:	2	155
Percent Operational -- Scheduled Downtime:	99.97	99.84
Percent Operational -- All Downtime:	99.44	98.87

3.2 Service Availability Standard

Service Availability: The percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the predicted 95% position error is less than the threshold at any given point within the service volume.

• **Horizontal Service Availability:** The percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the predicted 95% horizontal error is less than its threshold for any point within the service volume.

• **Vertical Service Availability:** The percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the predicted 95% vertical error is less than its threshold for any point within the service volume.

Service Availability Standard	Conditions and Constraints
• ≥ 99% Horizontal Service Availability, average location • ≥ 99% Vertical Service Availability, average location	• 17m Horizontal (SIS only) 95% threshold • 37m Vertical (SIS only) 95% threshold • Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.
• ≥ 90% Horizontal Service Availability, worst-case location • ≥ 90% Vertical Service Availability, worst-case location	• 17m Horizontal (SIS only) 95% threshold • 37m Vertical (SIS only) 95% threshold • Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

To verify availability, the data collected from receivers at the twenty-eight WAAS sites was reduced to calculate 24-hour accuracy information and reported in Table 3-5. The data was collected at one-second intervals between 1 January and 31 March 2012.

Table 3-5 Accuracies Exceeding Threshold Statistics

Site	Total Number of Seconds of SPS Monitoring	Instances of 24-hour Threshold Failures	Quarters Service Availability %
Albuquerque	7946229	0	100%
Anchorage	7945687	0	100%
Atlanta	7942992	0	100%
Barrow	7944249	0	100%
Bethel	7900511	0	100%
Billings	7942918	0	100%
Boston	7940156	0	100%
Cleveland	7945398	0	100%
Cold Bay	7945135	0	100%
Fairbanks	7925169	0	100%
Gander	7946260	0	100%
Honolulu	7945955	0	100%
Houston	7946208	0	100%
Iqaluit	7944426	0	100%
Juneau	7939784	0	100%
Kansas City	7939406	0	100%
Kotzebue	7946174	0	100%
Los Angeles	7944206	0	100%
Merida	7933630	0	100%
Miami	7946268	0	100%
Minneapolis	7946441	0	100%
Oakland	7942322	0	100%
Salt Lake City	7945685	0	100%
San Jose Del Cabo	7945106	0	100%
San Juan	1615790	0	100%
Seattle	7944329	0	100%
Tapachula	6313826	0	100%
Washington, DC	7946148	0	100%
Global Average over Reporting Period = 100% (SPS Spec. > 95.87%)			

4 Service Reliability Standard

Service Reliability: The percentage of time over a specific time interval that the instantaneous SIS SPS URE is maintained within a specified reliability threshold at any given point within the service volume, for all healthy GPS satellites.

User Range Error Accuracy	Conditions and Constraints
Single Frequency C/A-Code • ≤ 30m 99.94% Global Average URE during normal operations • ≤ 30m 99.79% Worst Case single point average during normal operations.	• For any healthy SPS SIS. • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors • Including group delay time correction (T_{GD}) errors at L1 • Including inter-signal bias (P(Y)-code to C/A-code) errors at L1 • Standard based on measurement interval of one year; average of daily values within service volume • Standard based on 3 service failures per year, lasting no more than 6 hours each

Table 4-1 shows a comparison to the service reliability standard for range data collected at a set of six receivers across North America. Although the specification calls for yearly evaluations, we will be evaluating this SPS requirement at quarterly intervals. Additional range analysis results can be found in table 5-2. The maximum User Range Error recorded this quarter was 19.361 meters on satellite PRN 17.

Table 4-1 User Range Error Accuracy

Date Range of Data Collection	Site	Number of Samples This Quarter	Number of Samples where SPS URE > 30m NTE	Percentage
1 Jan – 31 Mar 2012	**Boston**	67,192,000	0	100%
1 Jan – 30 Mar 2012	**Honolulu**	70,200,342	0	100%
1 Jan – 30 Mar 2012	**Los Angeles**	69,221,913	0	100%
1 Jan – 30 Mar 2012	**Miami**	67,382,351	0	100%
1 Jan – 30 Mar 2012	**San Juan**	-	-	-
1 Jan – 30 Mar 2012	**Juneau**	69,951,193	0	100%
1 Jan – 30 Mar 2012	**Global**	343,947,799	0	100%

5 Accuracy Standard

Positioning Accuracy: The statistical difference, at a 95% probability, between position measurements and a surveyed benchmark for any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

• **Horizontal Positioning Accuracy**: The statistical difference, at a 95% probability, between horizontal position measurements and a surveyed benchmark for any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

• **Vertical Positioning Accuracy**: The statistical difference, at a 95% probability, between vertical position measurements and a surveyed benchmark for any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

Position/Time Accuracy	Conditions and Constraints
Global Average Position Domain Accuracy • ≤ 9m 95% Horizontal Error • ≤ 15m 95% Vertical Error	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.
Worst Site Position Domain Accuracy • ≤ 17m 95% Horizontal Error • ≤ 37m 95% Vertical Error	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.
Time Transfer Domain Accuracy • ≤ 40 nanoseconds time transfer error 95% of time (SIS only)	• Defined for a time transfer solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.

User Range Accuracy	Conditions and Constraints
Single Frequency C/A-Code • ≤ 7.8m 9%% Global Average URE during normal operations over All AODs • ≤ 6.0m 95% Global Average URE during operations at Zero AOD • ≤ 12.8m 95% Global Average URE during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors • Including group delay time correction (T_{GD}) errors at L1 • Including inter-signal bias (P(Y)-code to C/A-code) errors at L1
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 6 mm/sec 95% Global Average URRE over any 3-second interval during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting all perceived pseudorange rate errors attributable to pseudorange step changes caused by NAV message data cutovers • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 2 mm/sec^2 95% Global average URAE over any 3-second interval during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting all perceived pseudorange rate errors attributable to pseudorange step changes caused by NAV message data cutovers • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors
Coordinated Universal Time Offset Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**
• ≤ 40 nanoseconds 95% Global average UTCOE during normal operations at Any AOD.	• For any healthy SPS SIS

5.1 Position Accuracy

The data used for this section was collected for every second from 1 January through 31 March 2012 at the selected WAAS locations. Table 5-1 provides the 95% and 99.99% horizontal and vertical error accuracies for the quarter. Every twenty-four hour analysis period this quarter passed both the worst-case and global position accuracy requirements set forth by the SPS specification.

Table 5-1 Horizontal & Vertical Accuracy Statistics for the Quarter

Site	95% Horizontal (Meters)	95% Vertical (Meters)	99.99% Horizontal (Meters)	99.99% Vertical (Meters)
Albuquerque	1.961	4.462	4.847	12.540
Anchorage	1.989	6.133	4.132	10.518
Atlanta	2.305	4.459	4.306	9.641
Barrow	2.097	6.456	4.232	10.823
Bethel	1.972	6.326	4.533	10.512
Billings	1.970	4.473	7.810	11.921
Boston	2.411	4.271	5.215	10.822
Cleveland	2.241	4.230	4.171	10.146
Cold Bay	2.046	6.351	4.994	11.048
Fairbanks	2.057	6.159	4.305	11.031
Gander	2.390	4.267	5.711	9.538
Honolulu	7.467	6.981	13.498	18.349
Houston	2.361	4.611	6.429	12.607
Iqaluit	2.558	4.829	4.886	12.937
Juneau	1.978	5.554	4.119	10.625
Kansas City	2.131	4.355	5.537	10.697
Kotzebue	2.082	6.296	4.242	10.492
Los Angeles	2.018	5.354	4.756	13.347
Merida	3.695	5.183	9.130	15.094
Miami	2.737	4.712	6.098	10.147
Minneapolis	2.132	4.383	5.945	11.409
Oakland	2.021	5.422	5.651	13.256
Salt Lake City	1.936	4.808	7.245	13.192
San Jose Del Cabo	3.824	5.455	9.542	13.033
San Juan	Receiver	Down	No Data	Available
Seattle	1.983	5.193	6.088	11.575
Tapachula	6.682	9.207	14.767	23.442
Washington, DC	2.415	4.379	4.298	10.452

Figures 5-1 and 5-2 are the combined histograms of the vertical and horizontal errors for all twenty-eight WAAS sites from 1 January to 31 March 2012.

Figure 5-1 Global Vertical Error Histogram

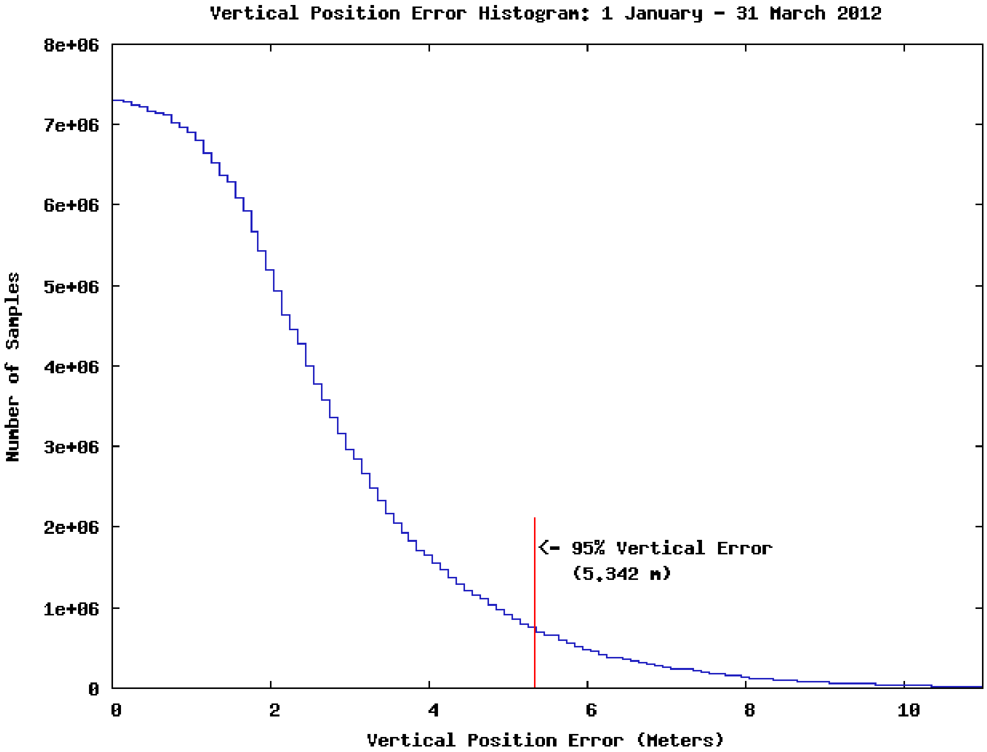
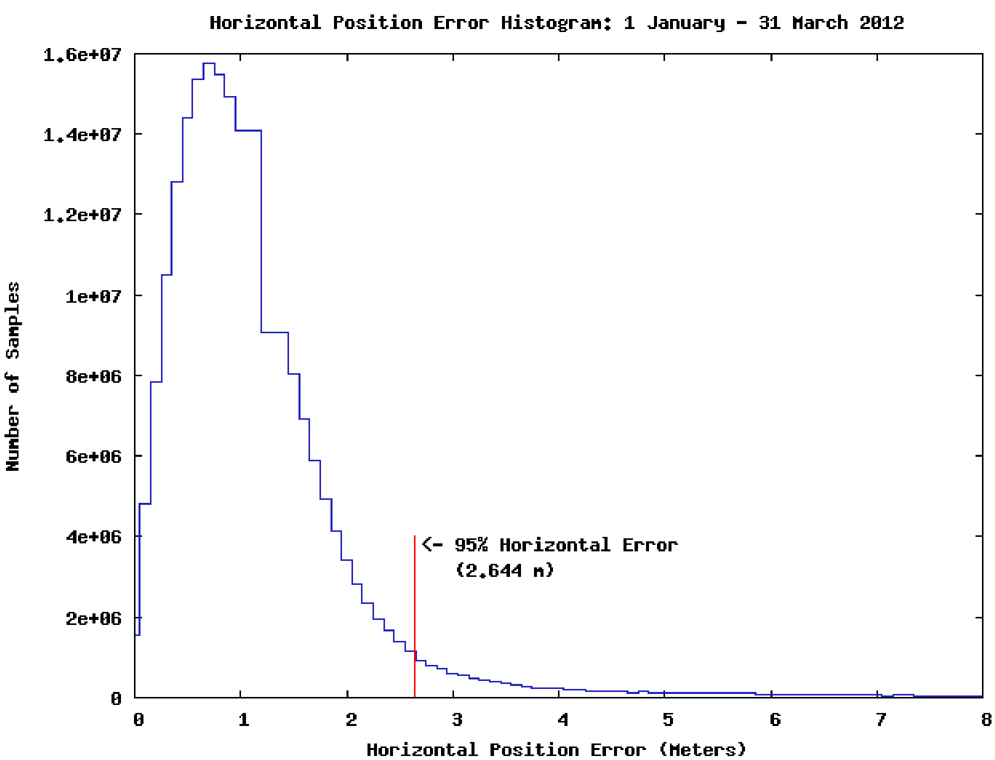


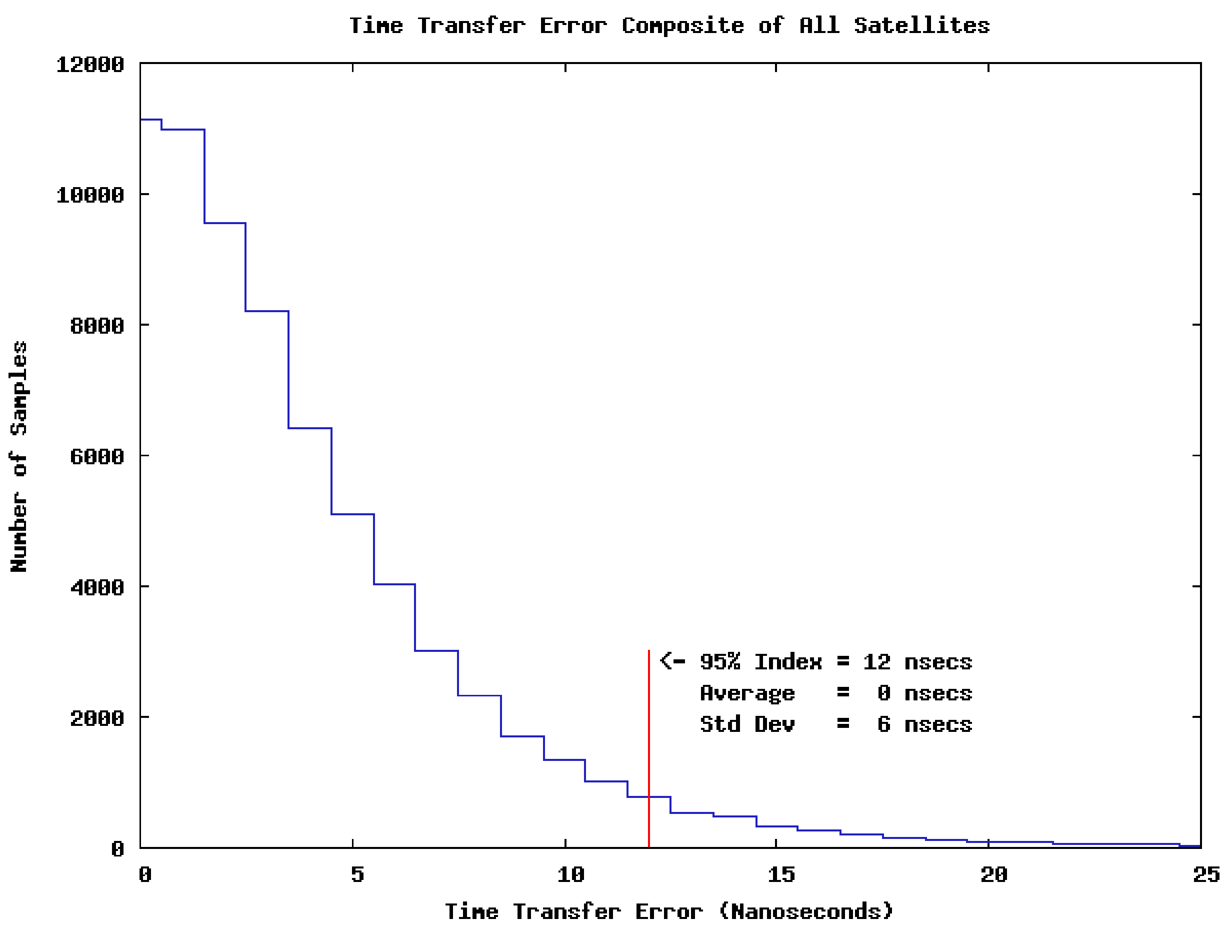
Figure 5-2 Global Horizontal Error Histogram



5.2 Time Transfer Accuracy

The GPS time error data between 1 January and 31 March 2012 was down loaded from USNO Internet site. The USNO data file contains the time difference between the USNO master clock and GPS system time for each GPS satellites during the time period. Over 10,000 samples of GPS time error are contained in the USNO data file. In order to evaluate the GPS time transfer error, the data file was used to create a histogram (Fig 5-3) to represent the distribution of GPS time error. The histogram was created by taking the absolute value of time difference between the USNO master clock and GPS system time, then creating data bins with one nanosecond precision. The number of samples in each bin was then plotted to form the histogram in Fig 5-3. The mean, standard deviation, and 95% index are within the requirements of GPS SPS time error.

Figure 5-3 Time Transfer Error



5.3 Range Domain Accuracy

Tables 5-3 through 5-5 provide the statistical data for the range error, range rate error and the range acceleration error for each satellite. This data was collected between 1 January and 31 March 2012. A weighted average filter was used for the calculation of the range rate error and the range acceleration error. All Range Domain SPS specifications were met.

Table 5-2 Range Error Statistics

(Meters)

PRN	RMS Range Error ($\leq$ 6 m)	Range Error Mean	1σ	95% Range Error	Max Range Error (SPS Spec. $\leq$ 30 m)	Samples
1	2.061	0.410	1.653	3.728	14.232	13664794
2	1.678	0.545	1.408	3.180	19.204	14343170
3	2.050	0.716	1.520	3.651	18.723	12528999
4	1.813	0.141	1.516	3.348	15.883	13521174
5	1.713	-0.155	1.488	3.105	13.677	13508646
6	1.526	0.355	1.268	2.845	18.663	13702342
7	1.935	-0.022	1.449	3.481	15.362	12695923
8	2.266	0.628	1.604	4.094	17.284	12959476
9	1.986	0.224	1.601	3.676	14.484	13968619
10	2.443	1.164	1.666	4.204	19.760	12250012
11	2.063	0.422	1.633	3.726	14.269	12789577
12	1.584	0.212	1.339	3.059	14.629	14108810
13	1.942	0.034	1.459	3.550	14.743	13239596
14	2.236	0.433	1.598	4.114	13.962	14375065
15	1.681	-0.184	1.299	3.075	14.464	12703199
16	1.975	0.657	1.571	3.842	19.456	13351524
17	1.759	0.357	1.539	3.447	16.845	14371473
18	1.933	0.715	1.286	3.342	11.335	13467349
19	1.986	0.995	1.394	3.472	17.784	12430715
20	2.264	0.672	1.726	4.174	18.690	14298443
21	1.909	0.772	1.370	3.386	14.156	12733815
22	2.368	1.003	1.451	3.987	12.486	12796333
23	2.171	0.359	1.538	3.867	15.180	12770141
25	1.773	0.632	1.381	3.313	15.205	14137527
26	1.913	0.357	1.478	3.530	14.788	11382527
27	2.041	0.413	1.671	3.854	17.834	14541106
28	2.171	0.979	1.502	3.829	15.244	13358728
29	1.556	0.336	1.230	2.852	15.429	13091298
30	2.401	1.297	1.686	4.341	16.605	12664684
31	2.179	0.223	1.704	4.159	17.138	13909714
32	2.326	0.654	1.624	4.077	15.355	13459112

Table 5-3 Range Rate Error Statistics

(Millimeters/ Second)

PRN	Range Rate Error RMS	95% Range Rate Error	Max Range Rate Error	Samples
1	1.550	2.844	561.41	13664794
2	1.509	2.819	577.46	14343170
3	1.887	3.039	299.78	12528999
4	1.499	2.734	374.85	13521174
5	1.498	2.818	178.85	13508646
6	1.559	2.755	266.72	13702342
7	1.515	2.872	396.31	12695923
8	1.919	3.181	353.56	12959476
9	2.136	3.016	175.25	13968619
10	1.872	3.026	488.96	12250012
11	1.716	3.041	356.12	12789577
12	1.622	2.995	480.64	14108810
13	1.650	3.119	332.36	13239596
14	1.669	3.024	376.89	14375065
15	1.589	2.897	149.92	12703199
16	1.654	3.090	506.96	13351524
17	1.712	2.999	320.57	14371473
18	1.544	2.841	148.20	13467349
19	1.514	2.888	239.86	12430715
20	1.652	3.103	264.86	14298443
21	1.627	2.979	125.66	12733815
22	1.704	2.906	344.50	12796333
23	1.548	2.883	355.49	12770141
25	1.489	2.674	482.65	14137527
26	1.743	2.779	172.08	11382527
27	2.510	3.078	211.28	14541106
28	1.597	2.803	124.29	13358728
29	1.551	2.819	249.15	13091298
30	2.712	2.862	403.96	12664684
31	1.691	3.098	465.72	13909714
32	1.573	2.924	355.44	13459112

Table 5-4 Range Acceleration Error Statistics

(Micrometers/Second^2)

PRN	Range Acceleration Error RMS (μm/s^2)	95% Range Acceleration Error (μm/s^2)	Max Range Acceleration Error (μm/s^2)	Samples
1	11.467	20.52	5610	13664794
2	10.821	21.681	5780	14343170
3	14.57	22.155	3000	12528999
4	11.012	20.975	3750	13521174
5	10.81	21.87	1790	13508646
6	11.924	21.041	2640	13702342
7	10.713	21.63	3960	12695923
8	13.674	22.157	3520	12959476
9	16.576	21.922	1750	13968619
10	13.93	22.074	4890	12250012
11	12.306	21.85	3560	12789577
12	11.352	21.734	4800	14108810
13	11.131	21.908	3300	13239596
14	12.012	21.895	3770	14375065
15	11.611	22.112	1500	12703199
16	11.507	22.176	5070	13351524
17	12.255	21.787	3200	14371473
18	11.495	21.739	1490	13467349
19	10.821	21.894	2410	12430715
20	11.296	21.551	2650	14298443
21	11.691	22.094	1270	12733815
22	12.913	21.217	3460	12796333
23	10.986	21.252	3540	12770141
25	11.415	20.41	4840	14137527
26	13.616	21.683	1700	11382527
27	20.369	21.827	2120	14541106
28	11.811	21.74	1250	13358728
29	11.481	21.497	2490	13091298
30	22.861	21.257	4040	12664684
31	11.766	21.981	4680	13909714
32	11.383	20.405	3570	13459112

Figures 5-4, 5-5 and 5-6 are graphical representations of the distributions of the maximum range error, range rate error and range acceleration error for all satellites. The highest maximum range error occurred on satellite 17 with an error of 26.645 meters. Satellite 27 had the lowest maximum range error of 9.032 meters.

Figure 5-4 Distribution of Daily Max Range Errors

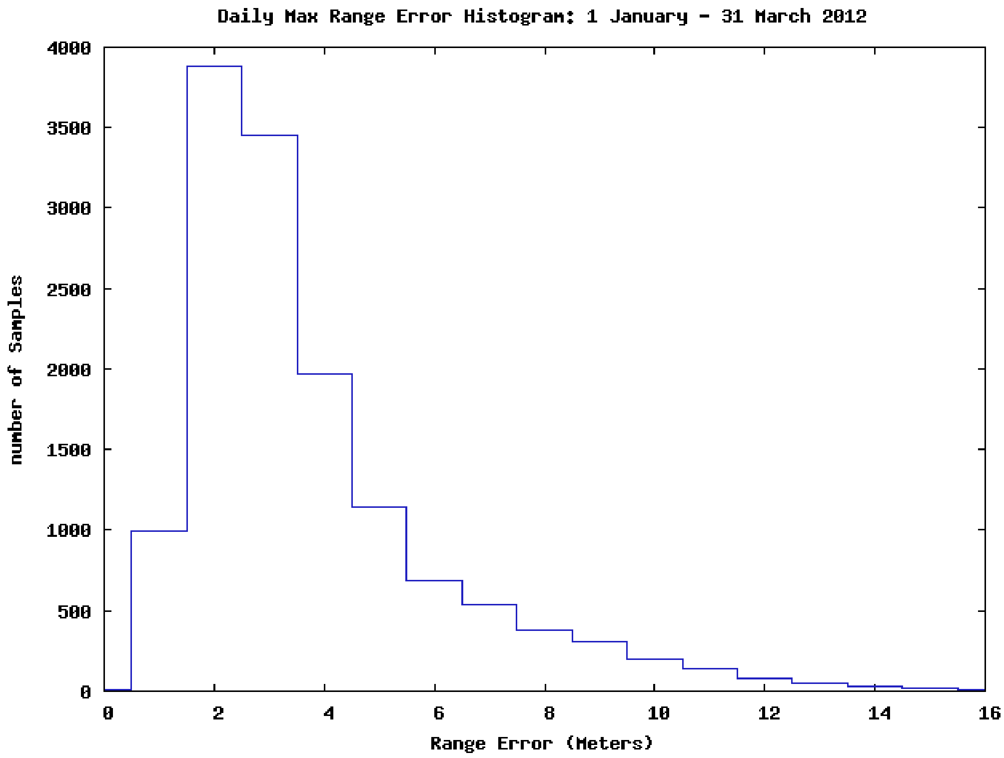


Figure 5-5 Distribution of Daily Max Range Rate Errors

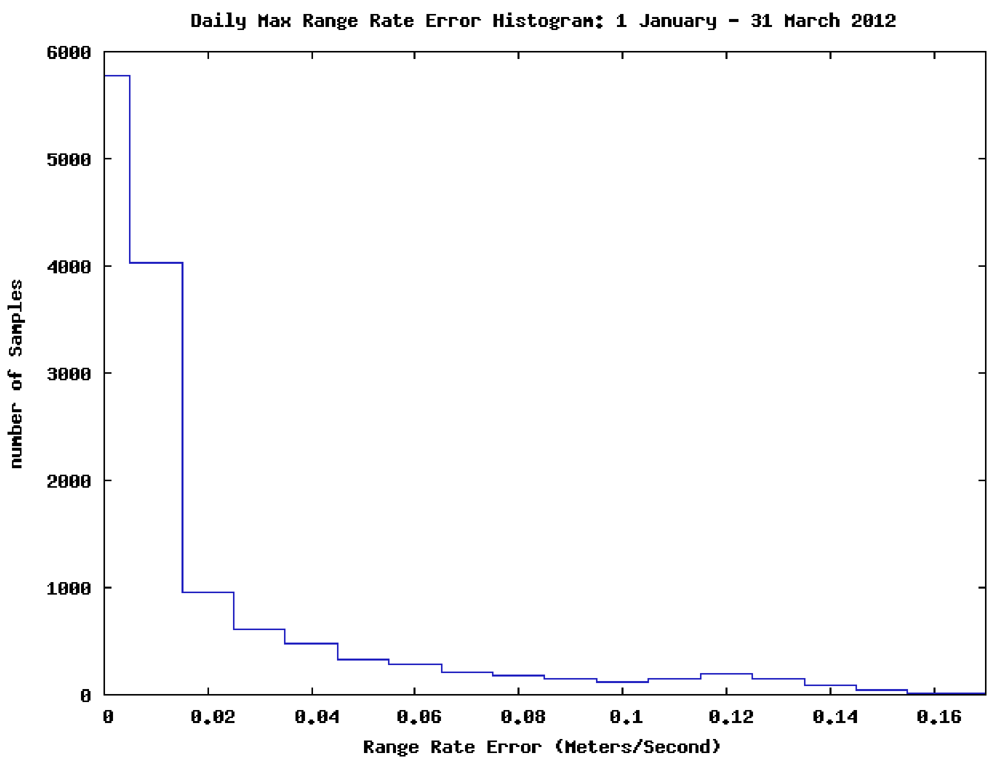


Figure 5-6 Distribution of Daily max Range Acceleration Errors

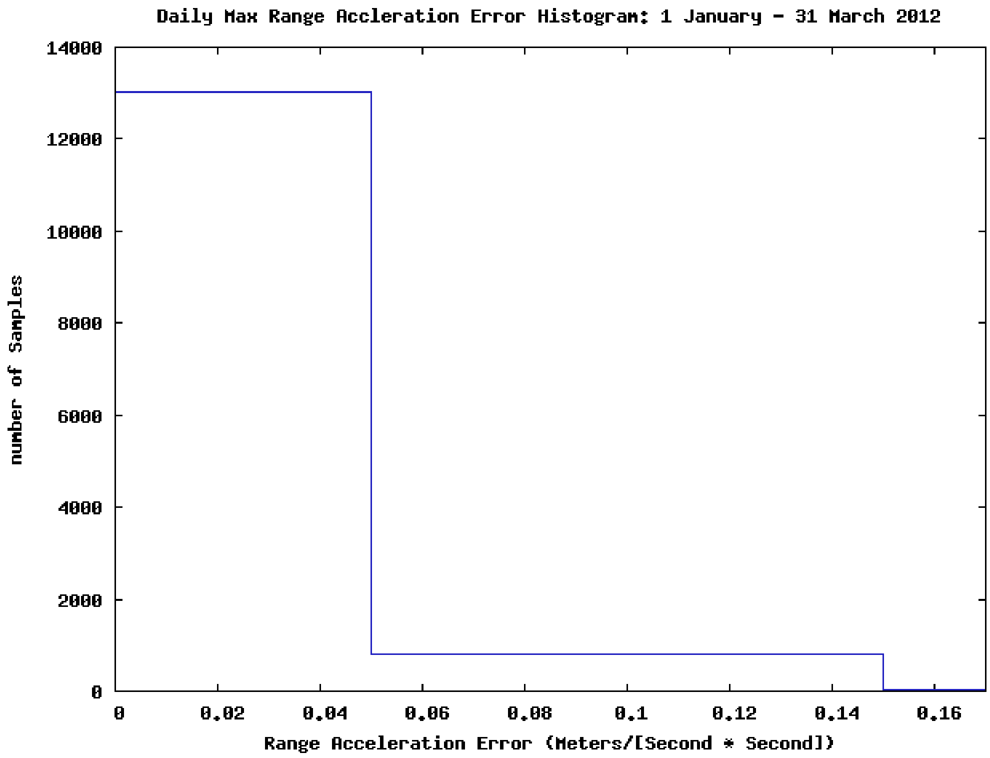


Figure 5-7 Range Error Histogram

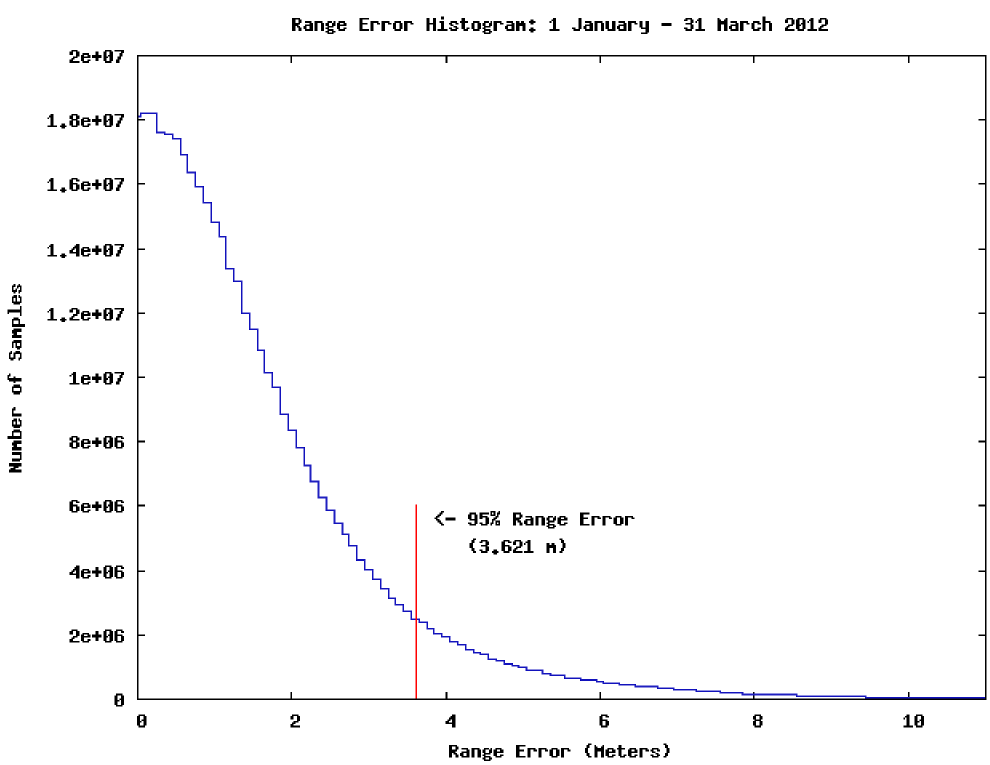


Figure 5-8 Maximum Range Error Per Satellite

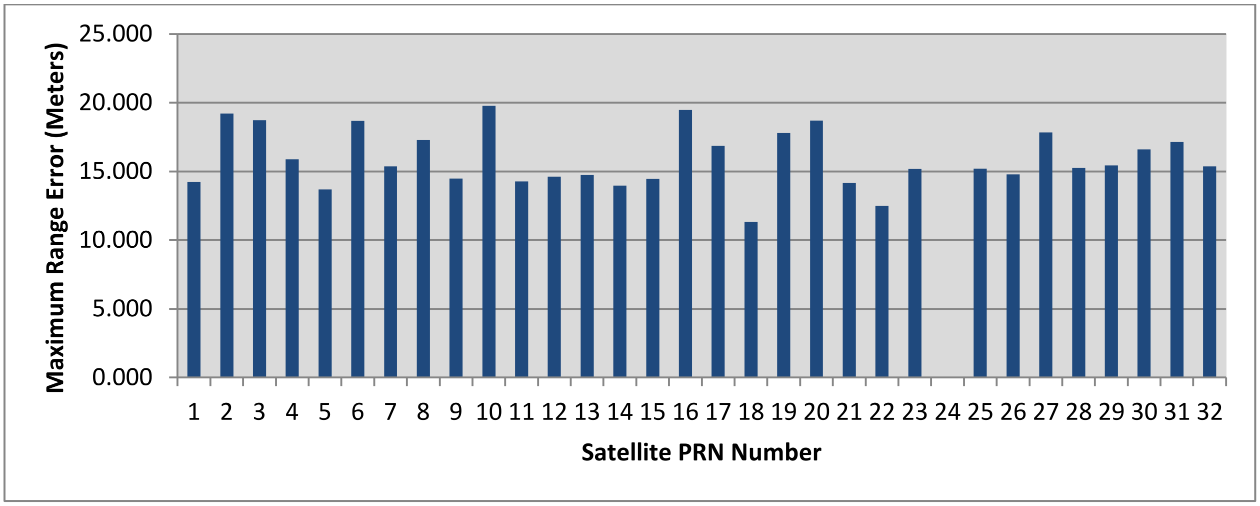


Figure 5-9 Maximum Range Rate Error Per Satellite

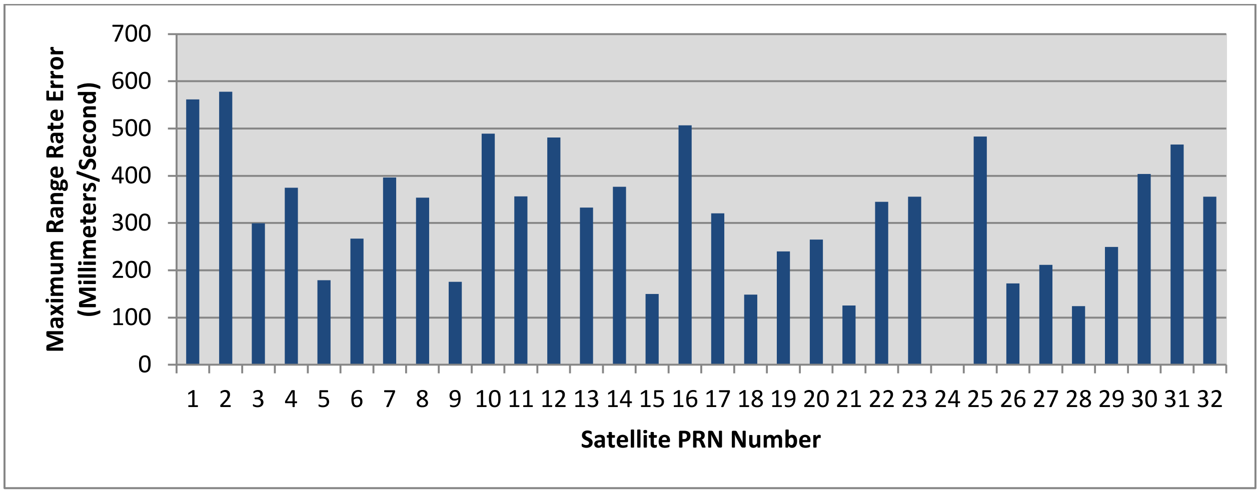
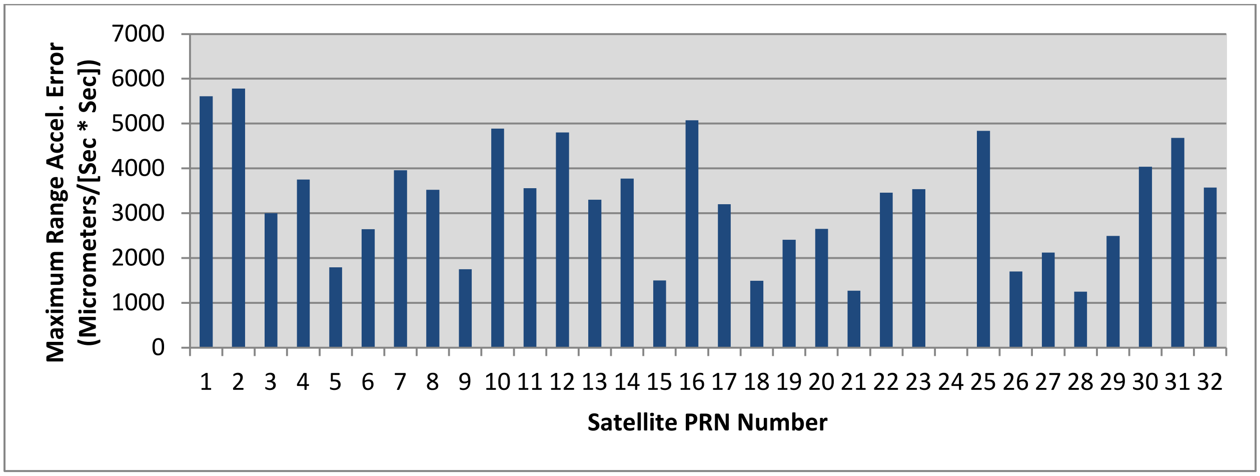


Figure 5-10 Maximum Range Acceleration Error Per Satellite



6 Solar Storms

Solar storm activity is being monitored in order to assess the possible impact on GPS SPS performance. Solar activity is reported by the Space Environment Center (SEC) , a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). When storm activity is indicated, ionospheric delays of the GPS signal, satellite outages, position accuracy and availability will be analyzed.

The following article was taken from the SEC web site http://sec.noaa.gov. It briefly explains some of the ideas behind the association of the aurora with geomagnetic activity and a bit about how the ‘K-index’ or ‘K-factor’ works.

> *The aurora is caused by the interaction of high-energy particles (usually electrons) with neutral atoms in the earth's upper atmosphere. These high-energy particles can ‘excite’ (by collisions) valence electrons that are bound to the neutral atom. The ‘excited’ electron can then ‘de-excite’ and return back to its initial, lower energy state, but in the process it releases a photon (a light particle). The combined effect of many photons being released from many atoms results in the aurora display that you see.*
>
> *The details of how high energy particles are generated during geomagnetic storms constitute an entire discipline of space science in its own right. The basic idea, however, is that the Earth’s magnetic field (let us say the ‘geomagnetic field’) is responding to an outwardly propagating disturbance from the Sun. As the geomagnetic field adjusts to this disturbance, various components of the Earth’s field change form, releasing magnetic energy and thereby accelerating charged particles to high energies. These particles, being charged, are forced to stream along the geomagnetic field lines. Some end up in the upper part of the earth’s neutral atmosphere and the auroral mechanism begins.*
>
> *An instrument called a magnetometer may also measure the disturbance of the geomagnetic field. At NOAA’s operations center magnetometer data is received from dozens of observatories in one-minute intervals. The data is received at or near to ‘real-time’ and allows NOAA to keep track of the current state of the geomagnetic conditions. In order to reduce the amount of data NOAA converts the magnetometer data into three-hourly indices, which give a quantitative, but less detailed measure of the level of geomagnetic activity. The K-index scale has a range from 0 to 9 and is directly related to the maximum amount of fluctuation (relative to a quiet day) in the geomagnetic field over a three-hour interval.*
>
> *The K-index is therefore updated every three hours. The K-index is also necessarily tied to a specific geomagnetic observatory. For locations where there are no observatories, one can only estimate what the local K-index would be by looking at data from the nearest observatory, but this would be subject to some errors from time to time because geomagnetic activity is not always spatially homogenous.*
>
> *Another item of interest is that the location of the aurora usually changes geomagnetic latitude as the intensity of the geomagnetic storm changes. The location of the aurora often takes on an ‘oval-like’ shape and is appropriately called the auroral oval.*

Figures 6-1 through 6-3 show the K-index for three time periods with significant solar activity. Although there were other days with increased solar activity, these time periods were selected as examples. (See Appendix B for the actual geomagnetic data for this reporting period.)

Figure 6-1 K-Index for 7-9 March 2012

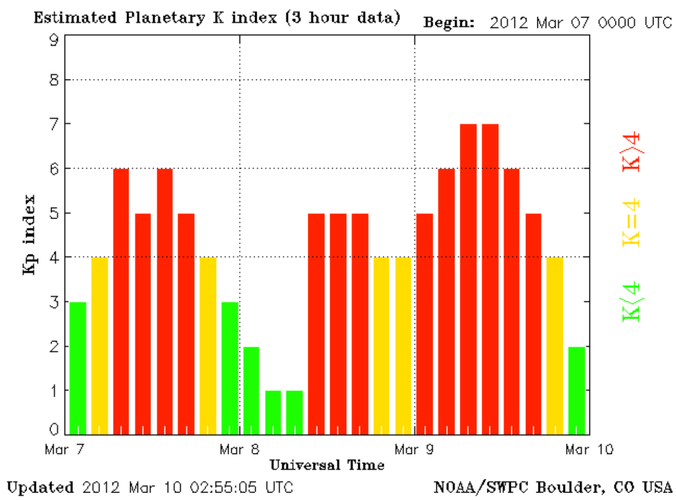


Figure 6-2 K-Index for 15-17 March 2012

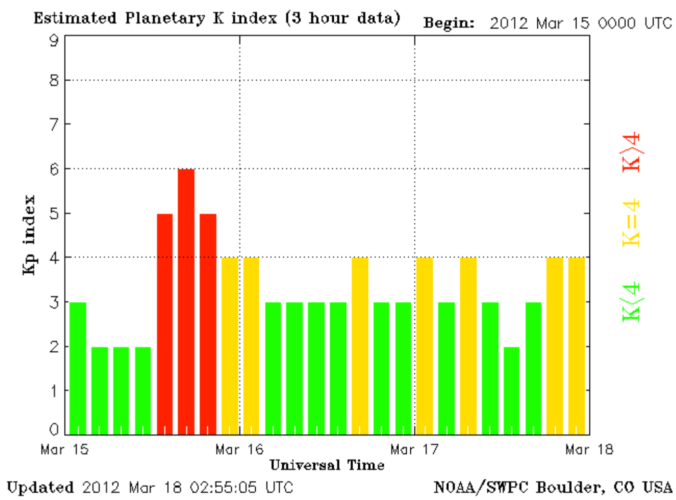


Figure 6-3 K-Index for 11-13 March 2012

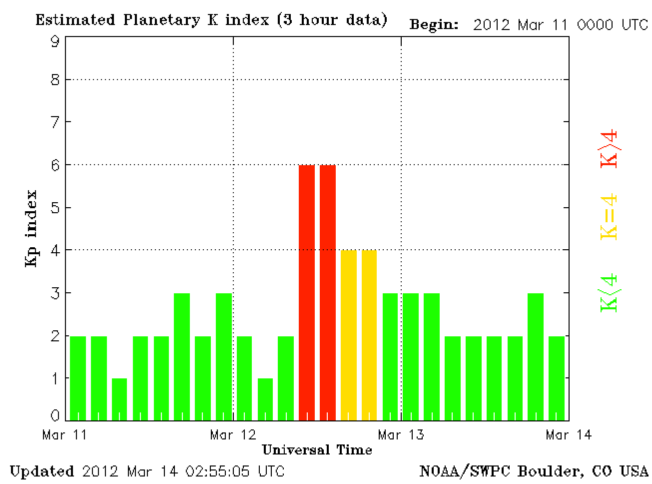


Table 6-1 shows the position accuracy information for the day corresponding to Figure 6-1. The GPS SPS performance met all requirements during all storms that occurred during this quarter.

Table 6-1 Horizontal & Vertical Accuracy Statistics for March 9, 2012

Site	95% Horizontal (Meters)	95% Vertical (Meters)	Maximum Horizontal (Meters)	Maximum Vertical (Meters)
Albuquerque	1.614	9.631	1.997	13.986
Anchorage	2.670	8.578	3.969	10.552
Atlanta	1.676	8.386	1.937	9.429
Barrow	2.219	7.197	3.602	9.501
Bethel	3.065	8.126	4.159	9.673
Billings	2.003	9.435	2.649	13.063
Boston	1.885	7.645	2.602	8.805
Cleveland	1.536	7.626	1.977	9.251
Cold Bay	2.419	8.579	2.914	9.919
Fairbanks	2.561	8.042	3.768	9.704
Gander	2.157	5.737	3.324	6.995
Honolulu	8.110	11.140	12.658	13.039
Houston	2.034	8.237	3.281	9.088
Iqaluit	2.330	5.827	3.289	7.057
Juneau	2.498	8.216	3.325	10.35
Kansas City	1.670	8.542	2.186	9.399
Kotzebue	2.645	7.551	3.846	9.605
Los Angeles	1.727	11.085	2.414	13.722
Merida	3.916	6.807	8.499	9.230
Miami	2.191	7.957	2.809	10.313
Minneapolis	2.031	7.866	2.348	8.541
Oakland	1.799	11.197	2.581	13.486
Salt Lake City	1.735	10.221	2.261	13.952
San Jose Del Cabo	1.802	10.706	2.819	12.314
San Juan	Site	Down	Data Not	Available
Seattle	2.026	9.314	2.518	12.341
Tapachula	12.370	9.423	13.469	13.986
Washington, DC	1.480	8.217	1.745	10.552

7 IGS Data

GPS SPS accuracy performance was evaluated at a selection of high rate IGS stations(1). The IGS is a voluntary federation of many worldwide agencies that pool resources and permanent GNSS station data to generate precise GNSS products.

High data rate (1 Hz) sites with good availability that were outside of the WAAS service area, and provided a good geographic distribution have been selected. The Galapagos (GLPS) data was not available this quarter. To facilitate differentiating between GPS accuracy issues and receiver tracking problems, an automatic data screening function excluded errors greater than 500 meters and or times when VDOP or HDOP were greater than 10. The remaining receiver tracking issues are still included in the processing and are forced into the 50.1 meter histogram bin and are believed to influence the outliers in the 99.99% statistics. See figures 7-4 and 7-5 for examples of a suspected receiver tracking problems.

High quality broadcast navigation data and Klobachar data is created by voting across all available IGS high rate RINEX navigation data. The IGS brdc global RINEX navigation data files are not used because they contain occasional errors. (Rounding precision, false track records, truncated numbers, probable bit errors in the parent subframe data, missing updates, and corrupted Klobachar data)

Table 7.1 and Figure 7-1 show the IGS site information and locations. Table 7.2 shows the GPS SPS Accuracy Performance observed at a selection of High Rate IGS sites. Figure 7-2 shows the 95% horizontal accuracy trends at these sites. Figure 7-3 shows the 95% vertical accuracy trends at these sites. A value of zero indicates no data. The increased errors are believed to be related to the increased ionosphere activity associated with the beginning of the max of the solar sun spot cycle. The errors peak near the equinoxes.

(1) J.M. Dow, R.E. Neilan, G. Gendt, "The International GPS Service (IGS): Celebrating the 10th Anniversary and Looking to the Next Decade," Adv. Space Res. 36 vol. 36, no. 3, pp. 320-326, 2005. Doi: 10.1016/j.asr.2005.05.125

Table 7-1 Selected IGS Site Information

ID	City	Country
GLPS	Puerto Ayora	Ecuador
GUAM	Dededo	Guam
IISC	Bangalore	India
KIRU	Kiruna	Sweden
KOUR	Kourou	French Guyana
MADR	Robledo	Spain
MAL2	Malindi	Kenya
MAS1	Maspalomas	Spain
MOBN	Obninsk	Russian Federation
NNOR	New Norcia	Australia
NRIL	Norilsk	Russian Federation
PETS	Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka	Russian Federation
POL2	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstan
SANT	Santiago	Chile
SUTM	Sutherland	South Africa
TIDB	Tidbinbilla	Australia
UNSA	Salta	Argentina
USUD	Usuda	Japan

Figure 7-1 Selected IGS Site Locations

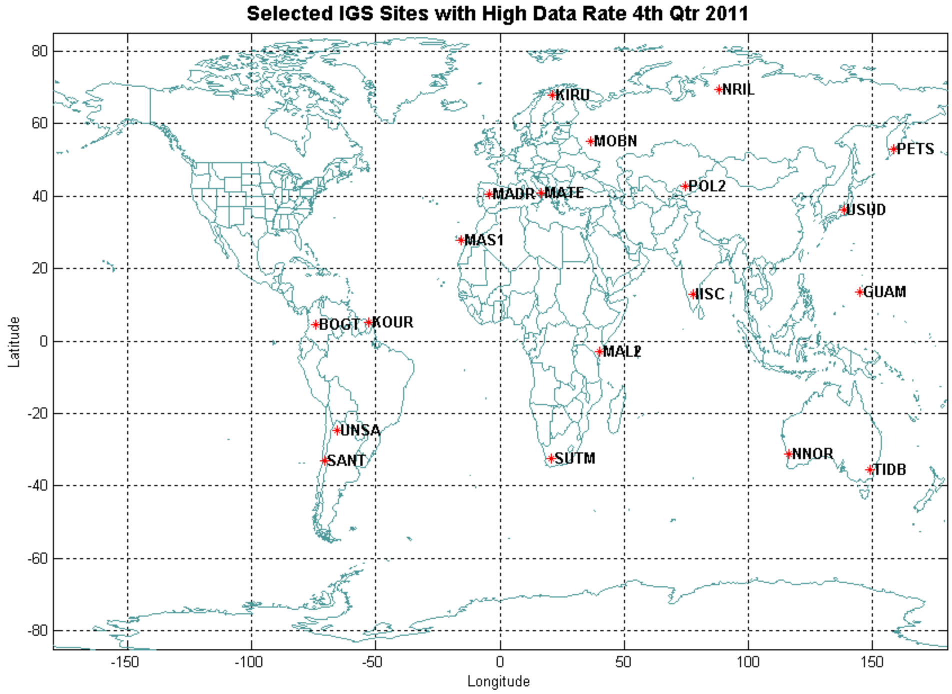


Table 7-2 GPS SPS Performance at Selected High Rate IGS Sites

Site	95% Horizontal Error (m)	95% Vertical Error (m)	99.99% Horizontal Error (m)	99.99% Vertical Error (m)	Percent Data Available
BOGT	7.15	8.69	18.97	34	94.52%
GUAM	3.09	6.73	8.24	18.46	98.65%
IISC	3.63	6.42	8.63	17.09	99.23%
KIRU	2.24	6.13	5.57	12.64	99.85%
KOUR	4.99	5.73	25.14	22.6	34.91%
MADR	2.53	5.53	8.05	16.72	99.21%
MAL2	3.66	5.33	9.11	10.78	94.51%
MAS1	8.8	7.4	14.35	20.19	99.85%
MATE	2.46	5.61	8.94	12.52	90.00%
MOBN	2.31	5.83	6.35	9.28	98.51%
NNOR	2.57	5.24	6.24	11.35	99.74%
NRIL	2.38	6.58	8.24	19.16	98.28%
PETS	2.38	6.83	5.56	17.34	94.69%
POL2	2.15	6.43	9.64	23.48	86.09%
SANT	7.34	6.47	14.07	16.9	99.75%
SUTM	2.43	5.22	7.12	11.86	98.86%
TIDB	2.38	4.88	14.83	22.29	92.67%
UNSA	7.51	10.38	28.88	49.3	97.35%
USUD	3.94	6.41	16.11	15.58	99.88%

Figure 7-2 GPS SPS 95% Horizontal Accuracy Trends at Selected IGS Sites

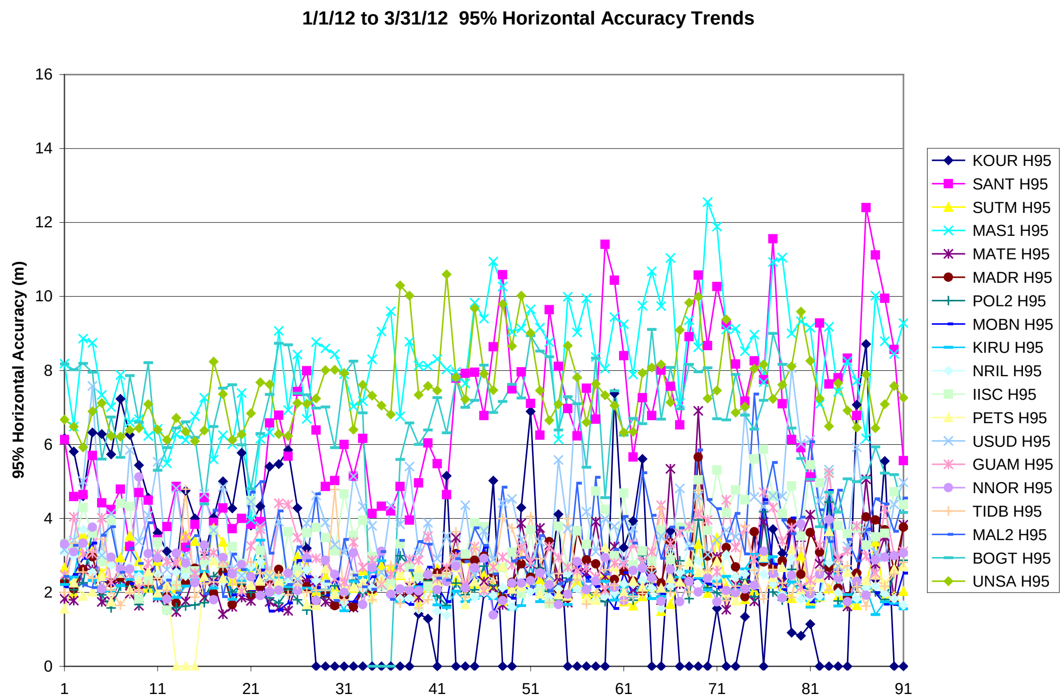


Figure 7-3 GPS SPS 95% Vertical Accuracy Trends at Selected IGS Sites

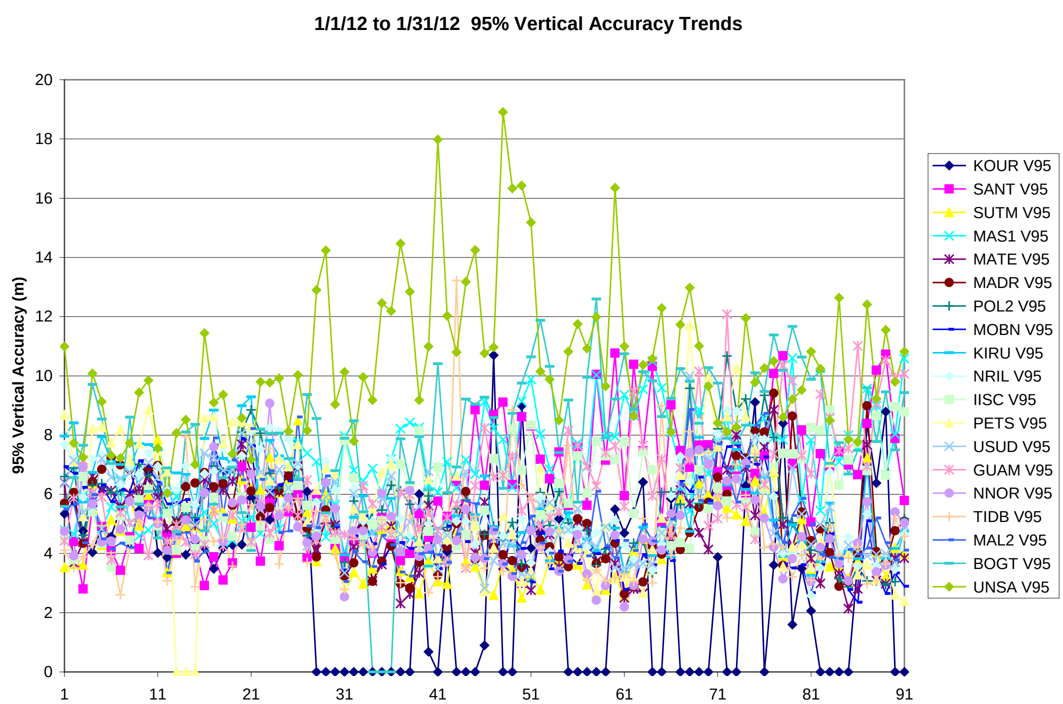


Figure 7-4 Example Receiver Tracking Glitch - Bogota W1661D6

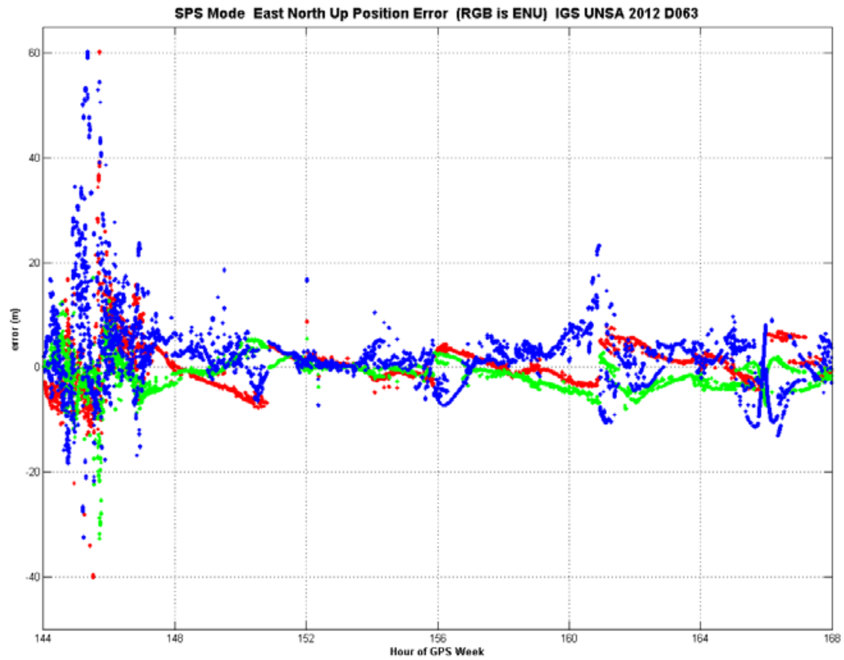
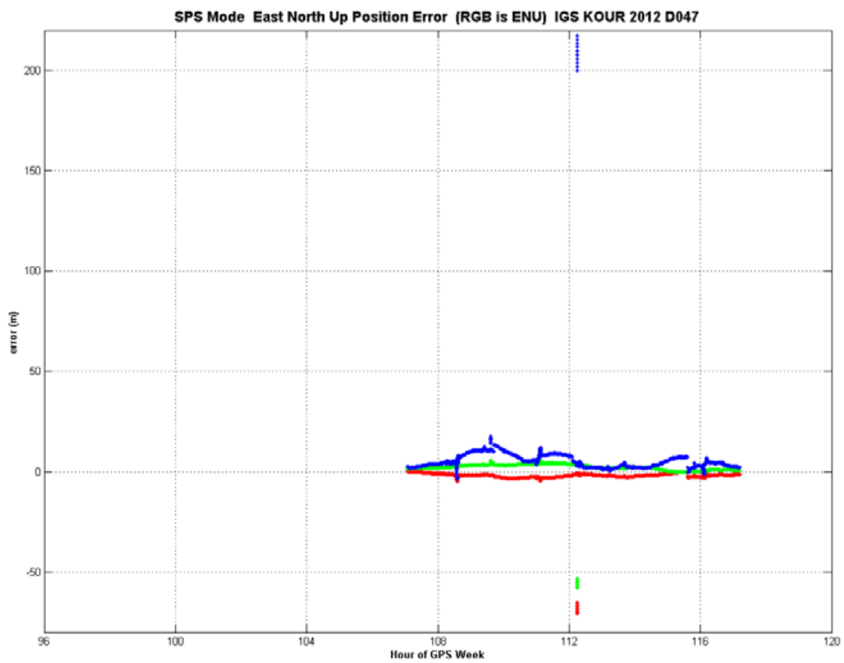


Figure 7-5 Example Receiver Tracking Problems - KOUR D047 (W1675D4)



8 GPS Test NOTAMs Summary

GPS test NOTAM: Global Positioning System test Notices to Airmen - GPS test NOTAMs are issued in the event that GPS is predicted to be unreliable and/or unavailable at a defined location for specific times, as indicated in the NOTAM, due to scheduled testing events.

Status and Problem Reporting	Conditions and Constraints
Scheduled event affecting service • Appropriate GPS Test NOTAM issued to the FAA at least 5 hours prior to the event	• For any SPS SIS

8.1 GPS Test NOTAMs Issued

GPS test NOTAMs were tracked and trended from GPS test NOTAMs posted on the FAA PilotWeb website (https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/PilotWeb/). During this reporting period, January 1 through March 31, 2012, there were a total of 16 GPS test NOTAMs issued. The total number of days affected in this reporting period was 41. Tables 8.1 and 8.2 below list the statistics of areas affected and durations. Note that the durations are on a per GPS test NOTAM basis.

Table 8-1 GPS test NOTAM Durations

Cumulative duration	140 hours
Minimum duration	0.50 hours
Average duration	5.21 hours
Maximum duration	10.0 hours

Table 8-2 GPS Test NOTAM Affected Areas (Square Miles) by Altitude

	40,000 feet	25,000 feet	10,000 feet	4,000 feet	50 feet
Minimum	326,175	220,085	99,953	78,086	24,030
Average	669,737	304,042	304,042	280,442	207,030
Maximum	1,240,279	1,023,523	744,415	685,782	518,422

8.2 Tracking and Trending of GPS Test NOTAMs

The GPS Test NOTAMs that are tracked and trended for this reporting period were done with a specialized software analysis tool that is designed to not only trend but also archive GPS Test NOTAMs. It is designed to trend archived GPS Test NOTAMs for any specified time frame. In addition to the data provided in this report, this tool provides all affected RNAV routes and procedures for each NOTAM in a web interface format. It can be accessed at the following link: **http://waas.faa.gov/ess/gps_test_outage/index.html**

The four plots below illustrate a visual depiction of the affected areas at their corresponding altitudes along with the impacted RNAV routes (indicated in red). Note that some GPS Test NOTAMs occupy the same area and position but differ in effective dates and/or durations.

Figure 8-1 GPS Test NOTAMs @ FL400

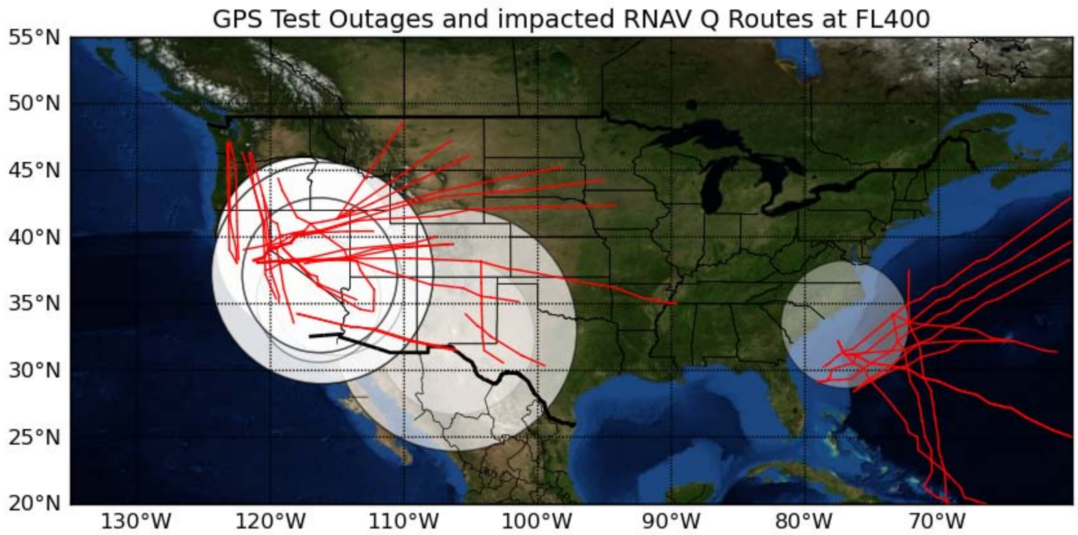


Figure 8-2 GPS NOTAMs @ FL250

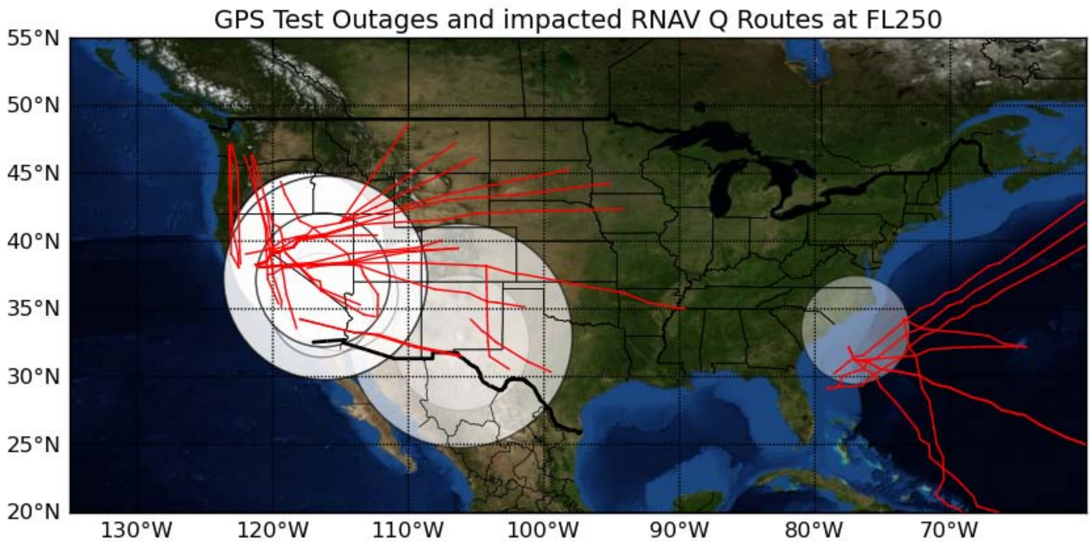


Figure 8-3 GPS NOTAMs @ 10k Feet

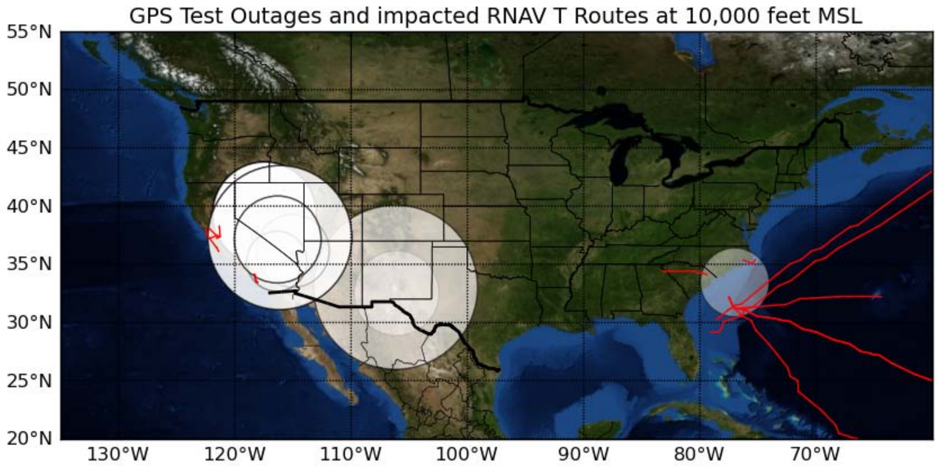


Figure 8-4 GPS NOTAMs @ 4k Feet

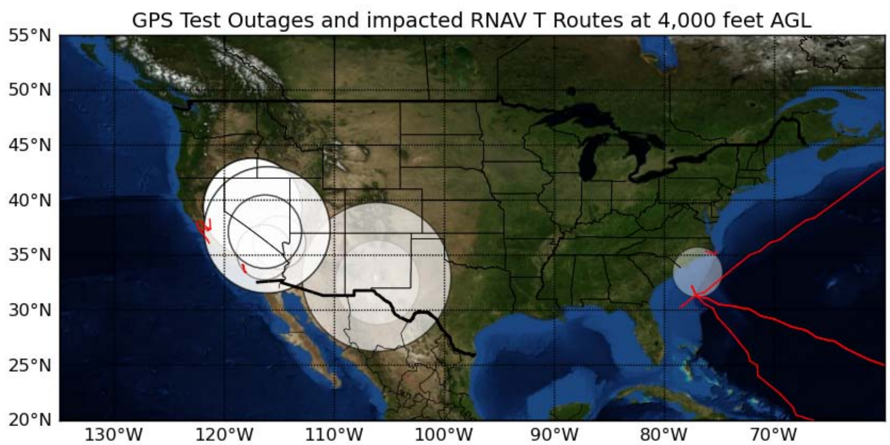
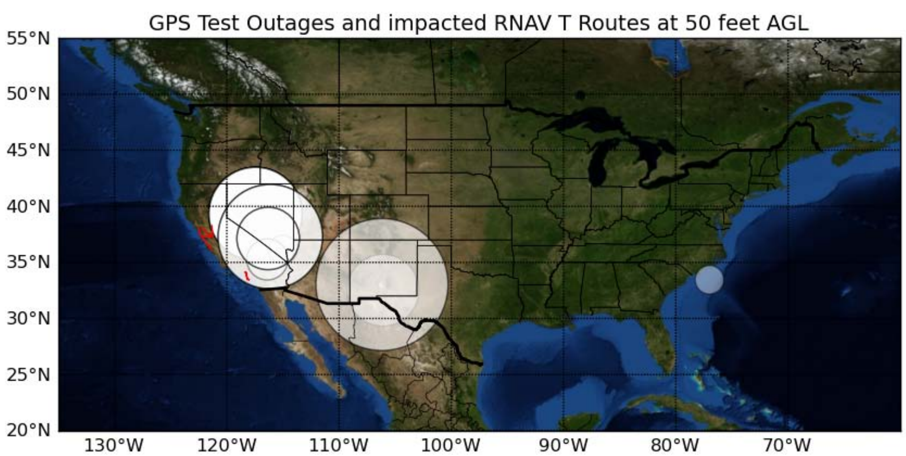


Figure 8-5 GPS NOTAMs @ 50 Feet



8.3 GPS Availability

The impacts to GPS availability are listed below for the corresponding locations and times. The percentage impact to GPS availability indicates that GPS is impacted for *X* % of the total time that the GPS Test NOTAM is active within the indicated area, centered at the indicated latitude/longitude. The radius column indicates the distance from the latitude/longitude for which the impacted GPS availability extends. Note that the radius listed is for an altitude of 40,000 feet. The impact to GPS availability at lower altitudes is the same. Each row of the following table represents one GPS Test NOTAM. The remaining tables each represent one GPS Test NOTAM.

Table 8-3 NOTAM Impact to GPS Availability

DATE	TIME	Location(lat/lon)	Percent impact to GPS availability over CONUS by altitude (feet)				
			≤50	50 to 4K	4K to 10K	10K to 25K	25K to 40K
January 31	02:00 – 12:00	32.5159N/106.0806W	3.61	5.15	4.74	7.94	10.3
February 2	00:00 -07:00	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
February 3 – 10	21:00 – 02:45	33.4500N/77.0000W	0.41	1.23	1.96	3.19	4.23
February 12 – 18	02:00 – 12:00	33.0236N/106.1751W	10.9	13.8	14.9	19.9	23.7
February 14 – 16	19:00 – 23:00	33.0236N/106.1751W	10.9	13.8	14.9	19.9	23.7
March 8	04:30 – 09:30	37.2941N/116.1219W	8.46	12.4	14.0	18.5	21.5
March 9	21:15 – 22:45	36.1506N/115.0107W	0.72	2.16	3.71	7.53	9.80
March 13 – 16	03:30 – 08:30	37.2941N/116.1219W	8.46	12.4	14.0	18.5	21.5
March 16 – 21	07:00 – 12:00	35.2635N/116.3856W	1.34	2.47	2.57	5.57	7.22
March 22 – 23	06:00 – 15:00	37.1324N/116.3145W	2.99	4.54	5.57	9.39	12.0
March 26 – 27	06:00 – 15:00	37.1324N/116.3145W	2.99	4.54	5.57	9.39	12.0
March 29 – 30	06:00 – 15:00	37.1324N/116.3145W	2.99	4.54	5.57	9.39	12.0

Table 8-4 Summary of GPS Test NOTAM

(Separated by NOTAM)

DATE	TIME	Location (lat/lon)	Percent impact to GPS availability over CONUS by altitude (feet)				
			≤50	50 to 4K	4K to 10K	10K to 25K	25K to 40K
January 24	15:00 – 19:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 24	21:30 – 23:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 25	00:00 – 03:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 25	15:00 – 19:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 25	22:00 – 23:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 26	00:00 – 03:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 26	15:00 – 19:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 26	22:00 – 23:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 27	00:00 – 03:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
January 25	04:00 – 06:00	37.3945N/116.3500W	1.96	3.40	3.61	9.90	12.4
January 25	20:00 – 21:59	37.3945N/116.3500W	1.96	3.40	3.61	9.90	12.4
February 1	00:00 – 08:30	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
February 1	15:00 – 23:59	39.3316N/117.4400W	7.01	8.35	8.25	13.1	16.3
March 6	04:30 – 09:30	37.2941N/116.1219W	8.46	12.4	14.0	18.5	21.5
March 6	22:45 – 23:15	37.2941N/116.1219W	8.46	12.4	14.0	18.5	21.5

9 Appendices

9.1 Appendix A: Performance Summary

Table 9-1 Performance Summary

User Range Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	**Measured Performance**
Single Frequency C/A-Code • ≤ 7.8m 95% Global Average URE during normal operations over All AODs • ≤ 6.0m 95% Global Average URE during operations at Zero AOD • ≤ 12.8m 95% Global Average URE during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors • Including group delay time correction (T_{GD}) errors at L1 • Including inter-signal bias (P(Y)-code to C/A-code) errors at L1	≤ 3.623 m N/A N/A
Single Frequency C/A-Code • ≤ 30m 99.94% Global Average URE during normal operations • ≤ 30m 99.79% Worst Case single point average during normal operations.	• For any healthy SPS SIS. • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors • Including group delay time correction (T_{GD}) errors at L1 • Including inter-signal bias (P(Y)-code to C/A-code) errors at L1 • Standard based on measurement interval of one year; average of daily values within service volume • Standard based on 3 service failures per year, lasting no more than 6 hours each	100% Global 100% WCP
User Range Rate Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 6 mm/sec 95% Global Average URRE over any 3-second interval during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting all perceived pseudorange rate errors attributable to pseudorange step changes caused by NAV message data cutovers • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors	≤ 2.932 mm/sec
User Range Acceleration Error Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Single-Frequency C/A-Code: • ≤ 2 mm/sec^2 95% Global average URAE over any 3-second interval during normal operations at Any AOD	• For any healthy SPS SIS • Neglecting all perceived pseudorange rate errors attributable to pseudorange step changes caused by NAV message data cutovers • Neglecting single-frequency ionospheric delay model errors	≤ 0.021 mm/s^2

Status and Problem Reporting	Conditions and Constraints	Measured Performance
Scheduled event affecting service • Appropriate NANU issued to the Coast Guard and the FAA at least 48 hours prior to the event	• For any SPS SIS	≥ 112.86 hours Prior to event
Unscheduled outage or problem affecting service • Appropriate NANU issued to the Coast Guard and the FAA as soon as possible after the event	• For any SPS SIS	≤ 0.15 hours
Operational Satellite Count	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 0.95 Probability that the constellation will have at least 24 operational satellites regardless of whether those operational satellites are located in slots or not	• Applies to the total number of operational satellites in the constellation (averaged over any day); where any satellite which appears in the transmitted navigation message almanac is defined to be an operation satellite regardless of whether that satellite is currently broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS or not and regardless of whether the broadcast SPS SIS also satisfies the other performance standards in the SPS performance standard or not.	100%
PDOP Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 98% global PDOP of 6 or less • ≥ 88% worst site PDOP of 6 or less	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval	100 % 100 %
Service Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 99% Horizontal Service Availability, average location • ≥ 99% Vertical Service Availability, average location	• 17m Horizontal (SIS only) 95% threshold • 37m Vertical (SIS only) 95% threshold • Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.	100% Horizontal 100% Vertical
• ≥ 90% Horizontal Service Availability, worst-case location • ≥ 90% Vertical Service Availability, worst-case location	• 17m Horizontal (SIS only) 95% threshold • 37m Vertical (SIS only) 95% threshold • Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions and operating within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.	100% Horizontal 100% Vertical
Position/Time Accuracy	**Conditions and Constraints**	
Global Average Position Domain Accuracy • ≤ 9m 95% Horizontal Error • ≤ 15m 95% Vertical Error	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.	≤ 2.644 m Horizontal ≤ 5.342 m Vertical
Worst Site Position Domain Accuracy • ≤ 17m 95% Horizontal Error • ≤ 37m 95% Vertical Error	• Defined for a position/time solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.	≤ 7.467 m Horiz. ≤ 9.207 m Vert.
Time Transfer Domain Accuracy • ≤ 40 nanoseconds time transfer error 95% of time (SIS only)	• Defined for a time transfer solution meeting the representative user conditions • Standard based on a measurement interval of 24 hours averaged over all points in the service volume.	≤ 12 nanoseconds

Per-Slot Availability	Conditions and Constraints	
• ≥ 0.957 Probability that a slot in the baseline 24-slot configuration will be occupied by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS • ≥ 0.957 Probability that a slot in the expanded configuration will be occupied by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS	• Calculated as an average over all slots in the 24-slot constellation, normalized annually • Applies to satellites broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS that also satisfy the other performance standards in the SPS performance standard.	99.983% 99.864%
Constellation Availability	**Conditions and Constraints**	
• ≥ 0.98 Probability that at least 21 slots out of the 24 will be occupied either by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the baseline 24-slot configuration or by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the expanded slot configuration • ≥ 0.99999 Probability that at least 20 slots out of the 24 will be occupied either by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the baseline 24-slot configuration or by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS in the expanded slot configuration	• Calculated as an average over all slots in the 24-slot constellation, normalized annually. • Applies to satellites broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS that also satisfies the other performance standards in the SPS performance standard.	100% 100%

9.2 Appendix B: Geomagnetic Data

Prepared by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

Current Quarter Daily Geomagnetic Data

	Middle Latitude - Fredericksburg -		High Latitude ---- College ----		Estimated --- Planetary ---	
Date	A	K-indices	A	K-indices	A	K-indices
2012 01 01	4	1 1 1 1 2 2 1 1	3	1 0 0 1 3 0 0 0	4	1 1 1 0 2 1 2 0
2012 01 02	4	0 0 1 1 2 2 2 2	2	0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1	4	1 0 1 0 1 1 2 2
2012 01 03	9	3 3 2 1 2 3 1 1	12	2 4 3 4 0 3 1 0	8	3 3 2 2 0 1 1 1
2012 01 04	3	1 1 0 0 2 2 1 1	0	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	2	1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
2012 01 05	6	1 1 1 1 3 2 2 1	9	0 0 1 3 5 1 1 0	6	1 1 1 0 3 2 2 1
2012 01 06	6	1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2	3	0 0 0 3 1 1 1 1	6	1 1 0 1 1 2 2 2
2012 01 07	5	2 1 1 1 2 1 2 2	7	2 1 2 3 2 3 0 1	6	2 1 1 1 1 1 1 2
2012 01 08	5	1 2 2 1 2 2 1 1	3	1 1 2 0 1 1 1 0	4	1 2 1 0 1 1 2 1
2012 01 09	7	2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2	7	1 2 2 2 2 3 2 0	6	2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2
2012 01 10	5	1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1	4	0 0 1 2 2 2 1 1	4	0 1 0 2 2 1 1 1
2012 01 11	5	1 2 1 1 1 2 2 1	2	0 1 0 2 0 1 1 1	4	1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1
2012 01 12	5	2 1 0 2 2 2 2 1	3	1 1 0 2 2 0 2 0	4	2 1 0 2 1 1 2 2
2012 01 13	8	2 3 3 1 2 2 1 1	4	1 2 2 3 1 0 0 0	6	2 3 3 1 1 1 1 1
2012 01 14	3	1 1 0 1 2 2 1 0	2	0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0	2	1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1
2012 01 15	4	0 1 0 0 2 2 2 2	1	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	4	0 1 0 0 1 1 2 2
2012 01 16	8	1 1 1 2 3 2 3 2	15	2 1 0 4 5 4 2 1	8	2 1 1 2 3 2 3 2
2012 01 17	4	2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4	2 1 1 2 2 1 0 0	6	3 1 1 1 1 1 2 1
2012 01 18	4	1 1 0 2 2 1 2 1	2	0 0 0 2 1 1 0 0	4	2 1 0 1 1 1 1 1
2012 01 19	1	0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0	1	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0	4	0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1
2012 01 20	3	2 2 1 1 0 1 0 0	3	0 1 2 1 2 1 1 0	4	1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0
2012 01 21	6	2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2	12	0 1 3 5 4 0 1 1	6	2 2 1 2 2 1 2 2
2012 01 22	22	1 1 4 4 4 3 5 4	38	0 1 4 5 6 5 5 5	20	1 1 4 3 4 3 5 4
2012 01 23	7	4 3 2 1 1 1 0 0	12	5 3 3 2 1 1 0 1	8	4 3 2 1 1 1 1 1
2012 01 24	13	3 2 1 1 2 4 4 3	29	4 3 3 4 2 6 5 3	16	3 2 1 1 1 4 5 3
2012 01 25	17	3 4 3 5 3 2 1 2	38	4 3 5 7 4 4 3 2	14	3 4 3 4 3 2 2 2
2012 01 26	5	2 1 1 2 2 2 1 1	13	2 1 3 4 2 4 2 2	6	2 1 2 2 1 2 2 1
2012 01 27	6	1 1 3 2 2 1 2 0	16	1 1 5 3 4 3 2 2	6	1 2 3 2 2 1 2 0
2012 01 28	6	2 2 1 1 2 2 1 2	4	1 1 1 1 2 0 1 2	6	2 2 1 0 1 1 2 2
2012 01 29	5	2 2 1 1 1 2 2 0	6	3 2 2 2 1 1 1 0	6	2 2 1 1 0 0 2 1
2012 01 30	5	0 0 1 0 1 3 2 3	5	0 0 0 0 0 2 3 3	6	0 0 1 0 0 3 3 3
2012 01 31	2	2 1 0 0 1 0 1 0	2	2 1 1 1 1 0 0 0	2	2 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
2012 02 01	5	1 2 2 1 2 1 1 1	14	0 1 3 5 5 0 0 0	6	2 2 2 2 2 0 1 1
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2012 02 12	3	1 1 0 1 2 1 1 0	2	0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0	4	1 2 0 0 1 1 1 1
2012 02 13	7	1 1 3 2 2 2 2 1	19	0 1 3 4 5 5 2 0	8	1 1 3 2 3 3 2 2
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2012 02 15	18	2 5 4 3 3 2 2 3	46	2 5 6 6 5 5 4 4	22	2 5 4 3 3 2 3 4
2012 02 16	4	2 0 1 1 2 1 1 1	5	2 1 1 3 3 0 0 0	4	2 0 1 1 2 1 1 0
2012 02 17	2	0 1 2 1 1 1 0 0	1	0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0	2	0 1 2 1 0 0 0 0
2012 02 18	3	0 0 0 0 2 1 2 2	1	0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1	4	0 0 0 1 0 1 1 3
2012 02 19	11	3 4 3 1 2 1 2 2	23	3 5 5 4 4 2 2 2	16	4 5 3 2 1 2 2 2
2012 02 20	14	3 4 3 3 3 2 2 2	28	3 2 5 6 4 4 3 2	16	3 4 4 3 3 3 3 3

2012 02 21	4	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1	7	3 2 1 3 2 1 1 1	6	3 2 2 2 1 1 1 2
2012 02 22	9	3 3 3 3 2 1 1 0	11	2 1 3 4 4 1 1 1	8	3 3 2 2 2 1 1 0
2012 02 23	3	0 0 1 1 2 1 1 2	3	0 0 2 3 0 0 0 1	4	0 0 1 1 1 1 1 2
2012 02 24	6	2 3 1 1 1 2 2 0	5	1 1 0 2 3 2 1 0	6	2 3 1 1 1 2 1 0
2012 02 25	3	0 0 1 1 2 1 2 1	24	0 0 4 6 6 1 0 1	6	0 0 2 2 3 1 2 2
2012 02 26	7	1 3 2 1 2 1 1 3	9	2 1 2 4 3 0 1 2	6	2 2 2 2 1 1 1 3
2012 02 27	12	4 3 1 2 3 2 3 2	27	2 1 1 3 6 5 5 3	16	4 3 2 2 3 3 5 2
2012 02 28	11	1 2 5 2 2 2 1 2	10	1 1 5 2 1 2 1 1	10	1 1 4 2 1 2 1 2
2012 02 29	6	3 3 2 0 1 1 1 1	2	1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0	6	2 2 2 0 0 1 1 1
2012 03 01	12	0 3 3 3 3 2 3 3	26	0 3 3 6 5 4 3 2	14	1 3 3 3 3 2 4 4
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2012 03 08	21	2 1 2 4 5 5 3 3	33	2 2 2 4 6 6 4 4	24	2 1 1 5 5 5 4 4
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2012 03 21	4	1 0 0 2 2 1 2 1	5	1 1 1 3 2 1 1 1	4	1 0 1 1 2 1 2 1
2012 03 22	6	1 1 0 1 1 2 3 3	3	1 1 0 0 0 1 2 2	6	1 1 0 1 1 1 3 3
2012 03 23	5	2 1 1 2 2 2 2 0	4	2 0 1 3 1 1 1 0	6	3 1 1 2 1 2 1 1
2012 03 24	9	1 3 3 2 2 2 2 2	12	0 3 5 2 1 2 2 2	10	1 3 4 2 2 2 2 2
2012 03 25	4	2 1 2 1 2 1 1 0	6	1 1 3 3 3 0 0 0	4	2 1 2 1 2 1 0 0
2012 03 26	4	1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1	3	0 0 1 3 2 0 0 0	4	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1
2012 03 27	15	1 2 2 3 3 2 3 5	25	0 2 1 5 5 5 3 4	12	1 2 1 3 3 3 3 4
2012 03 28	10	3 3 3 2 2 2 2 1	17	3 4 4 4 3 3 1 1	12	4 4 3 2 2 1 2 1
2012 03 29	3	0 0 0 1 2 1 1 2	2	0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1	4	1 0 0 0 1 1 1 2
2012 03 30	6	2 2 2 1 2 2 1 1	3	1 2 2 2 0 1 0 0	6	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1
2012 03 31	4	0 1 0 1 2 2 2 1	1	0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0	4	1 1 0 1 2 2 2 1

9.3 Appendix C: Performance Analysis (PAN) Problem Report

In 1993, the FAA began monitoring and analyzing Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Positioning Service (SPS) performance data. At present, the FAA has approved GPS for IFR and is developing WAAS and LAAS, both of which are GPS augmentation systems. In order to ensure the safe and effective use of GPS and its augmentation systems within the NAS, it is critical that characteristics of GPS performance as well as specific causes for service outages be monitored and understood. To accomplish this objective, GPS SPS performance data is documented in a quarterly GPS Performance Analysis (PAN) report. The PAN report contains data collected at various National Satellite Test Bed (NSTB) and Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) reference station locations. This PAN Problem Report will be issued only when the performance data fails to meet the GPS Standard Positioning Service (SPS) Signal Specification.

Problem Description:

There were no problems to report for the quarter.

9.4 Appendix D: Glossary

The terms and definitions discussed below are taken from the Standard Positioning Service Performance Specification (October 2001). An understanding of these terms and definitions is a necessary prerequisite to full understanding of the Signal Specification.

General Terms and Definitions

Almanac Longitude of the Ascending Node (.o): Equatorial angle from the Prime Meridian (Greenwich) at the weekly epoch to the ascending node at the ephemeris reference epoch.

Coarse/Acquisition (C/A) Code: A PRN code sequence used to modulate the GPS L1 carrier.

Corrected Longitude of Ascending Node (Ωk) and Geographic Longitude of the Ascending Node (GLAN): Equatorial angle from the Prime Meridian (Greenwich) to the ascending node, both at arbitrary time T_k.

Dilution of Precision (DOP): The magnifying effect on GPS position error induced by mapping GPS ranging errors into position within the specified coordinate system through the geometry of the position solution. The DOP varies as a function of satellite positions relative to user position. The DOP may be represented in any user local coordinate desired. Examples are HDOP for local horizontal, VDOP for local vertical, PDOP for all three coordinates, and TDOP for time.

Equatorial Angle: An angle along the equator in the direction of Earth rotation.

Geometric Range: The difference between the estimated locations of a GPS satellite and an SPS receiver.

Ground track Equatorial Crossing (GEC, λ, 2 SOPS GLAN): Equatorial angle from the Prime Meridian (Greenwich) to the location a ground track intersects the equator when crossing from the Southern to the Northern hemisphere. GEC is equal to Ωk when the argument of latitude (Φ) is zero.

Instantaneous User Range Error (URE): The difference between the pseudo range measured at a given location and the expected pseudo range, as derived from the navigation message and the true user position, neglecting the bias in receiver clock relative to GPS time. A signal-in-space (SIS) URE includes residual orbit, satellite clock, and group delay errors. A system URE (sometimes known as a User Equivalent Range Error, or UERE) contains all line-of-sight error sources, to include SIS, single-frequency ionosphere model error, troposphere model error, multipath and receiver noise.

Longitude of Ascending Node (LAN): A general term for the location of the ascending node – the point that an orbit intersects the equator when crossing from the Southern to the Northern hemisphere.

Longitude of the Ground track Equatorial Crossing (GEC, λ, 2 SOPS GLAN): Equatorial angle from the Prime Meridian (Greenwich) to the location a ground track intersects the equator when crossing from the Southern to the Northern hemisphere. GEC is equal to Ωk when the argument of latitude (Φ) is zero.

Mean Down Time (MDT): A measure of time required to restore function after any downing event.

Mean Time Between Downing Events (MTBDE): A measure of time between any downing events.

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF): A measure of time between unscheduled downing events.

Mean Time to Restore (MTTR): A measure of time required to restore function after an unscheduled downing event.

Navigation Message: Data contained in each satellite's ranging signal and consisting of the ranging signal time-of-transmission, the transmitting satellite's orbital elements, an almanac containing abbreviated orbital element information to support satellite selection, ranging measurement correction information, and status flags. The message structure is described in Section 2.1.2 of the SPS Performance Standard.

Operational Satellite: A GPS satellite which is capable of, but is not necessarily transmitting a usable ranging signal.

PDOP Availability: Defined to be the percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the PDOP value is less than or equal to its threshold for any point within the service volume.

Positioning Accuracy: Defined to be the statistical difference, at a 95% probability, between position measurements and a surveyed benchmark for any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

- **Horizontal Positioning Accuracy:** Defined to be the statistical difference, at a 95% probability, between horizontal position measurements and a surveyed benchmark for any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

- **Vertical Positioning Accuracy:** Defined to be the statistical difference, at a 95% probability, between vertical position measurements and a surveyed benchmark for any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

Position Solution: An estimate of a user's location derived from ranging signal measurements and navigation data from GPS.

Position Solution Geometry: The set of direction cosines that define the instantaneous relationship of each satellite's ranging signal vector to each of the position solution coordinate axes.

Pseudo Random Noise (PRN): A binary sequence that appears to be random over a specified time interval unless the shift register configuration and initial conditions for generating the sequence are known. Each satellite generates a unique PRN sequence that is effectively uncorrelated (orthogonal) to any other satellite's code over the integration time constant of a receiver's code tracking loop.

Representative SPS Receiver: The minimum signal reception and processing assumptions employed by the U.S. Government to characterize SPS performance in accordance with performance standards defined in Section 3 of the SPS Performance Standard. Representative SPS receiver capability assumptions are identified in Section 2.2 of the SPS Performance Standard.

Right Ascension of Ascending Node (RAAN): Equatorial angle from the celestial principal direction to the ascending node.

Root Mean Square (RMS) SIS URE: A statistic that represents instantaneous SIS URE performance in an RMS sense over some sample interval. The statistic can be for an individual satellite or for the entire constellation. The sample interval for URE assessment used in the SPS Performance Standard is 24 hours.

Selective Availability: Protection technique formerly employed to deny full system accuracy to unauthorized users. SA was discontinued effective midnight May 1, 2000.

Service Availability: Defined to be the percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the predicted 95% positioning error is less than its threshold for any given point within the service volume.

- **Horizontal Service Availability:** Defined to be the percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the predicted 95% horizontal error is less than its threshold for any point within the service volume.

- **Vertical Service Availability:** Defined to be the percentage of time over any 24-hour interval that the predicted 95% vertical error is less than its threshold for any point within the service volume.

Service Degradation: A condition over a time interval during which one or more SPS performance standards are not supported.

Service Failure: A condition over a time interval during which a healthy GPS satellite's ranging signal exceeds the Not-to-Exceed (NTE) SPS SIS URE tolerance.

Service Reliability: The percentage of time over a specified time interval that the instantaneous SIS SPS URE is maintained within a specified reliability threshold at any given point within the service volume, for all healthy GPS satellites.

Service Volume: The spatial volume supported by SPS performance standards. Specifically, the SPS Performance Standard supports the terrestrial service volume. The terrestrial service volume covers from the surface of the Earth up to an altitude of 3,000 kilometers.

SPS Performance Envelope: The range of nominal variation in specified aspects of SPS performance.

SPS Performance Standard: A quantifiable minimum level for a specified aspect of GPS SPS performance. SPS performance standards are defined in Section 3.0.

SPS Ranging Signal: An electromagnetic signal originating from an operational satellite. The SPS ranging signal consists of a Pseudo Random Noise (PRN) C/A code, a timing reference and sufficient data to support the position solution generation process. A description of the GPS SPS signal is provided in Section 2. The formal definition of the SPS ranging signal is provided in ICDGPS-200C.

SPS Ranging Signal Measurement: The difference between the ranging signal time of reception (as determined by the receiver's clock) and the time of transmission derived from the navigation signal (as defined by the satellite's clock) multiplied by the speed of light. Also known as the *pseudo range*.

SPS SIS User Range Error (URE) Statistic:

- A satellite SPS SIS URE statistic is defined to be the Root Mean Square (RMS) difference between SPS ranging signal measurements (neglecting user clock bias and errors due to propagation environment and receiver), and "true" ranges between the satellite and an SPS user at any point within the service volume over a specified time interval.

- A constellation SPS SIS URE statistic is defined to be the average of all satellite SPS SIS URE statistics over a specified time interval.

Time Transfer Accuracy Relative to UTC (USNO): The difference at a 95% probability between user UTC time estimates and UTC (USNO) at any point within the service volume over any 24-hour interval.

Transient Behavior: Short-term behavior not consistent with steady-state expectations.

Usable SPS Ranging Signal: An SPS ranging signal that can be received, processed, and used in a position solution by a receiver with representative SPS receiver capabilities.

User Navigation Error (UNE): Given a sufficiently stationary and ergodic satellite constellation ranging error behavior over a minimum sample interval, multiplication of the DOP and a constellation ranging error standard deviation value will yield an approximation of the RMS position error. This RMS approximation is known as the UNE (UHNE for horizontal, UVNE for vertical, and so on). The user is cautioned that any divergence away from the stationary and ergodic assumptions will cause the UNE to diverge from a RMS value based on actual measurements.

User Range Accuracy (URA): A conservative representation of each satellite's expected (1σ) SIS URE performance (excluding residual group delay) based on historical data. A URA value is provided that is representative over the curve fit interval of the navigation data from which the URA is read. The URA is a coarse representation of the URE statistic in that it is quantized to levels represented in ICDGPS200C.