



# Landsat World Update

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**LANDSAT PROGRAM STATUS** - Landsats 4 and 5 continue to operate nominally. Landsat 6 design/construction is continuing at EOSAT and subcontract companies, with launch scheduled for June 1991.

**U.S. COMMITMENT TO SPACE NEEDED** - The American Astronautical Society (AAS), American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) have sent a joint statement to presidential candidates, President Reagan and other political leaders voicing concerns for the future of the U.S. space program. According to the letter, U.S. commitment and congressional funding were cited as primary concerns: "We urgently recommend restoring the national commitment to purposeful civilian space programs and policies." (source: Space Commerce Bulletin 8/12/88)

**LANDSAT IMAGES PRESENTED TO ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF REMOTE SENSING** - A gallery of Landsat Thematic Mapper images titled "Landsat Throughout the World" was presented to Dr. Shunji Murai and the Asian Association of Remote Sensing for display at Tokyo University. The presentation was made on behalf of EOSAT by Nissho Iwai Corporation. The gallery of images was recently displayed by EOSAT at the ISPRS International Congress in Kyoto, Japan.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER PACKAGE AVAILABLE** - EOSAT has released a data package containing imagery from Greenville, Mississippi, where the Mississippi River reached record low levels this summer. Landsat data from 1985 was compared to 1988 images to illustrate the dramatic changes that have taken place. The package is available for \$50 from EOSAT Headquarters. Contact Bill Kennedy at (301) 552-0500.

**RESTEC NAMED SALES AGENT FOR CHINESE LANDSAT DATA** - The Remote Sensing Technology Center of Japan (RESTEC) has been named as a sales representative for Landsat data received and processed at the Remote Sensing Ground Station of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing. RESTEC is also an international sales representative for Landsat data from EOSAT. For more information, contact H. Ishigami, RESTEC, Uni-Roppongi Bldg., 7-15-17 Roppongi, Minato-Ku, Tokyo 106, Japan; phone TOKYO 3-403-1761; telex: 2426780 RESTEC J.

**SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING AND THE MEDIA** - KRS Remote Sensing, a KODAK Company, is offering a two-day seminar to introduce representatives of the media to the applications and issues of remote sensing from space. The seminar will be held August 23-24 at KRS, 1200 Caraway Court, Landover, Maryland 20785. For more information, contact M. Richard Borda, Conference Coordinator, (301) 772-7800.

**WETLANDS INFORMATION SPECIALIST SOUGHT** - Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) is a private non-profit organization dedicated to international wetland habitat conservation. DU is seeking a Wetlands Inventory Specialist to work from their Western Regional Office in Sacramento, California. The position involves the organization, processing and classification of maps and other data bases for the State of California and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Applicants should have experience with digital image processing and/or wetlands mapping from satellite or aerial photography data, Geographic Information Systems, and data base management systems. A MS degree in natural resources, wildlife biology, geography, remote sensing or related discipline is required. Applications and inquiries should be forwarded to: G. Koeln, Ducks Unlimited Inc., One Waterfowl Way, Long Grove, Illinois, USA, 60047; phone (312) 438-4300.

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**INDEPENDENT ARMS VERIFICATION AND CRISIS MONITORING FROM SPACE** - The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, in conjunction with Space Media Network and Satimage/Swedish Space Corporation, has organized a seminar on verification issues and the utilization of remote sensing technology, to be held August 27-29 in Kiruna, Sweden. Invited representatives from U.S., Soviet Union and European organizations will present information on state-of-the-art remote sensing techniques, as well as discuss prospects for future cooperative ventures. For more information, contact H. Ronnow, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Box 1253, S-III 82 Stockholm, Sweden.

**NEW SARSAT AGREEMENT SIGNED** - On July 1 a new agreement for the Satellite Search and Rescue System (SARSAT) was signed by representatives from the U.S., U.S.S.R., Canada and France. SARSAT, which has reportedly saved 1,100 lives since it began operations in 1984, will be continued with the U.S. and U.S.S.R. providing two satellites each, and Canada and France providing instrumentation. (source: Ocean Science News 7-15-88)

**NSCAT PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING** - On July 26, a House and Senate conference committee agreed on a 1989 NASA funding bill which included \$5.8 million for the NASA Scatterometer program (NSCAT), which would provide real-time access to sea-surface condition information. In addition, NASA may reprogram up to \$10 million for the scatterometer. Discussions are continuing for the possible placement of NSCAT on Japan's Advanced Earth Observation Satellite (ADEOS), set for launch in 1994, as well as domestic missions. (source: NOIA Washington Report 8/5/88)

**SATELLITE PRINTS OF NARRAGANSETT BAY, MIAMI AVAILABLE** - Satellite Snaps, Inc. of Arlington, Virginia is offering two beautiful "natural color" Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper (TM) image prints. The Narragansett Bay print includes sections of Massachusetts and Rhode Island (Providence, Newport, Point Judith, Block Island and Fall River), and measures 24" by 36". The print of Miami displays the coastline from Fort Lauderdale to Key Largo, Florida, and measures 20" by 40". Each print is \$19.95 (plus local tax for RI and FL residents on posters of their region), plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. To order, contact Satellite Snaps, P.O. Box 547P, Ridgely, Maryland, USA 21660; phone (800) 828-SNAP. For more information, call (703) 931-3594.

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