Science Mission Directorate

Program Update from NASA HQ

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Program Update

- AIRS/AMSU going strong – as far as I can tell new trace species measurements are fantastic

- Still need assurance regarding IASI performance and potential CrIS contribution to Climate data sets under cloudy conditions

- OCO to be launched in early 2009 and we need to develop all possible synergies with AIRS

- All grantees should submit Progress Report early to avoid interruption in funding

End of Prime Mission Review set for December 2-3, 2008 and the Senior Review is around the corner
Aqua End of Prime Mission Review

- Is a technical and scientific assessment by an independent panel of how well the mission met its original science objectives.

- Documentation of performance and lessons learned which may be useful for future missions.
  - Better coordination between NASA centers, other agencies and countries.
  - Not a review of how great our science is.

- It is an internal SMD/ESD review and not a PM procedural reqmt.

- A top level summary of schedule and cost performance.

- This is a one-time occurrence and documents mission success and achievement whereas the Senior Review is a proposal followed by programmatic evaluation for future operation.