ICECAPS Weekly Report

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12/21/14- Winter solstice and the darkest day of the year.

Luckily the MPL is lighting up the skies in the absence of the sun.

General:

• 12/19: The MSF was re-leveled in accordance with the MMCR.

Significant Weather Observations:

- 12/15: Freezing fog, 16 kts, -49C
- 12/16: Freezing fog, 11 kts, -41C
- 12/17: Broken clouds, 15 kts, -40C
- 12/18: Blowing snow, 28 kts, -30C
- 12/19: Broken clouds, 12 kts, -37C
- 12/20: Broken clouds, 11 kts, -33C
- 12/21: Broken clouds, 7 kts, -34C

Dataman Account:

Operating normally.

MWR:

- HATPRO: operating normally.
- 150-90: operating normally.

SODAR:

Operating normally.

• 12/21: Dishes cleaned from 1337-1418Z.

POSS:

• Operating normally.

MMCR:

• Operating normally.

CAPABL:

- Offsite as of 8/19.
- Continuing to monitor water storage system during winter.

MPL:

- Operating normally.
- 12/16: AMCS card timeout error. Computer restarted and data collection resumed at 1244Z.
- 12/17: MPL mount down overnight. Data did not transfer.
- 12/18: Data did transfer successfully overnight. AMCS card timeout error found during rounds, computer rebooted. Data collection resumed at 1235Z.

VCEIL:

• Operating normally.

Hotplate:

• Operating normally.

IceCAM:

• Operating normally.

PAERI:

• Operating normally.

ASIA-A:

- Operating normally.
- 12/18: Three comm errors due to high winds.
- 12/19: Small fan next to blower failed. Blower remains operational.
- 12/21: Comm error, radiometer rebooted.

TSI:

• Offline and stored in MSF for winter.

IcePIC:

• 12/21: Pictures taken at 1440Z and uploaded to server.

Radiosonde:

• Twice daily sondes.