

Hello,

In the telecon today, someone asked me how CERES is conveying data product maturity to the end user. CERES does this in two ways.

1. Filename. CERES products have names like CER\_SSF\_Terra-FM1-MODIS\_Alpha\_012009.2000111000, CER\_BDS\_Terra-FM2\_Edition1\_016011.20000124, and CER\_SSF\_Terra-FM2-MODIS\_Beta1\_016013.20010301000

The data product maturity (Alpha, Beta, or Edition - CERES way of expressing validated) is right there in the filename. Beta1 is the first "version" of a Beta collection of files. Likewise, Edition1 is the first "version" of a validated collection of files. CERES may create several versions of Beta collections and a couple versions of validated (Edition) collections.

2. Quality Summary. Before a user can order CERES data, the user must agree that he/she has read the Quality Summary that corresponds to the collection he/she wishes to order from. You can try this out yourself by attempting to order any CERES data product using the EDG or the LaTIS ordering tool [http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/HBDOCS/langley\\_web\\_tool.html](http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/HBDOCS/langley_web_tool.html)). You will be unable to place the order until you "Agree".

If anyone desires any additional information, please contact me.

Erika  
e-mail: e.b.geier@larc.nasa.gov