



VIIRS Blue Marble Image taken January 4 2012

Incredible pictures of Earth from new satellite

The newest Earth Observation Satellite, NASA's Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (Suomi NPP) mission took this stunning image on January 4th, 2012. Suomi NPP is a low earth

Most impressive Earth Blue Marble image ever from newest satellite

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observation satellite which takes images in swathes each time it passes over earth. You can see hi-res images by clicking on image above or click [here](#) to see even higher res images with a stunning amount of detail.

This picture represents a composite of passes over the planet as the VIIRS instrument cannot see the entire globe at once. Suomi NPP represents a critical first step in building the next-generation Earth-observing satellite system that will collect data on both long-term climate change and short-term weather conditions.