

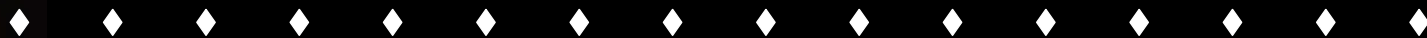
# **Global Positioning System**

## ***Policy and Modernization Status***

**UN/US International Meeting on  
The Use and Applications of Global  
Navigation Satellite Systems**

**Vienna, Austria**

**December 13-17, 2004**



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**IGEB Executive Secretariat**

**U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA**





# Overview

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- **Policy**
- **System Status**
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# Policy Principles

- **No direct user fees** for civil GPS services
- **Protect** the current radionavigation spectrum **from disruption and interference**
- **Open public signal structure** for all civil services
  - Promotes equal access for user equipment manufacture, applications development and value-added services
  - Ensures **open market** driven competition
- **Global compatibility & interoperability** of future systems with GPS
  - Use of GPS time, geodesy, and signal **standards**
- Recognition of **national and international security** issues and protecting against misuse



# Sources of Policy

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- **Executive and Legislative Framework**
  - Policy for GPS & augmentations
  - Federal Radionavigation Planning
    - Required by the INMARSAT Act of 1978
    - Joint Transportation & Defense Biennial Federal Radionavigation Plan
  - Annual Congressional Budgeting Acts



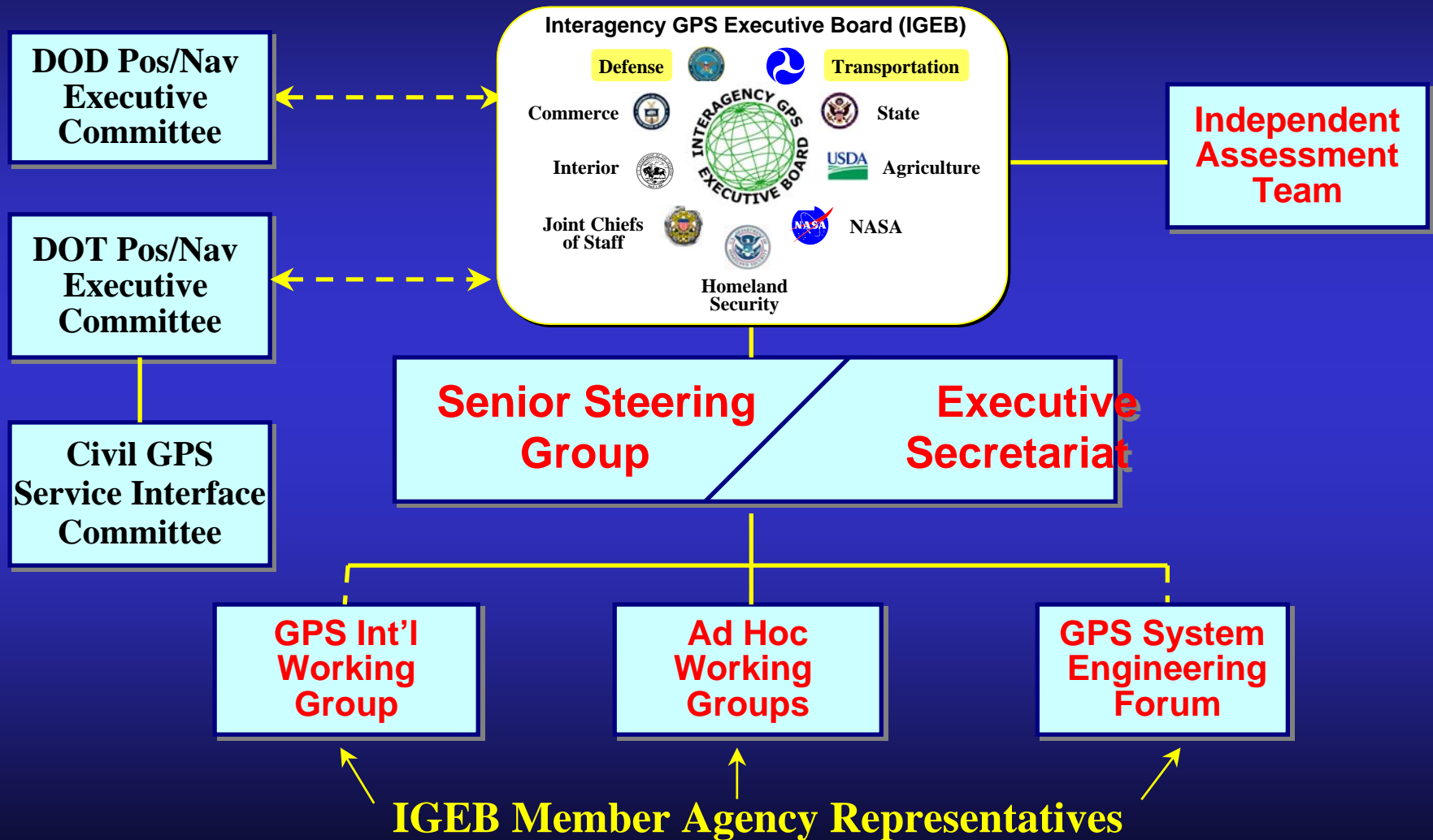
# GPS Policy

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- **1996 Policy**
  - **Standard Positioning Service (SPS) available for peaceful use, free of direct user charges**
  - **Interagency GPS Executive Board (IGEB) to manage GPS and its federal augmentations**
    - **DoD to take action to prevent hostile use without unduly degrading civil use**
    - **DOT lead civil agency on GPS matters**
  - **Discontinue Selective Availability within a decade**
    - **SA set zero in May 2000**



# GPS Management Structure





# Federal Radionavigation Plan (FRP)

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- **Biennial plan for common-use civil and military radionavigation systems**
  - Outlines approach for implementing new and consolidating existing systems
  - Provides radionavigation policy, planning, system information, and schedules
  - Snapshot at time of publication
- **Next FRP will use DOT Radionavigation Systems Task Force Report and DoD Master PNT Plan as foundation**
- **2003 FRP delayed awaiting updates on GPS Policy and LORAN continuation decision**



# Policy Summary

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- **Satellite Navigation policy in the U.S. provides institutional foundation for GNSS**
  - Establishes a framework for public/private decision makers
  - Sets foundation for coordination of efforts
  - Creates basis for productive dialogue between service providers and end users
  - Allows for examination of current infrastructure to meet future needs
  - Defines government commitments to all stakeholders





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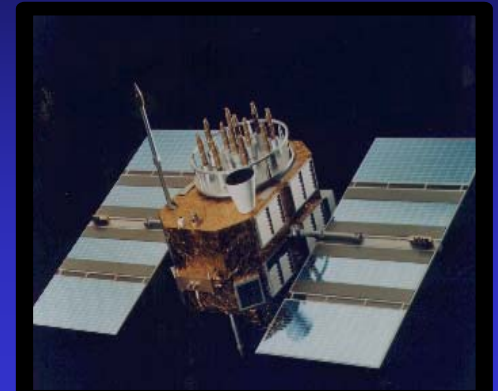
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# GPS Constellation Status

**30 Operating Satellites**  
(to ensure 24)

- **18 Block II/IIA** satellites operational
- **12 Block IIR** satellites operational
  - 8 IIR satellites available for launch
  - Up to 8 satellites will be modified for new civil signal (L2C)
  - Most recent launch: Nov 04
- Next launch is currently scheduled for Spring 05
- **Continuously assessing** constellation health to determine launch need



**Global GPS civil service performance commitment has been met continuously since Dec 93**



# Civil GPS Augmentations

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- **Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)**
  - Commissioned in July 2003
  - Service available for aviation use
- **Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS)**
  - CAT I contract focused only on integrity and safety
  - CAT II/III research and development
- **Nationwide Differential GPS System (NDGPS)**
  - Single station coverage in 2005
  - Dual station coverage in 2008



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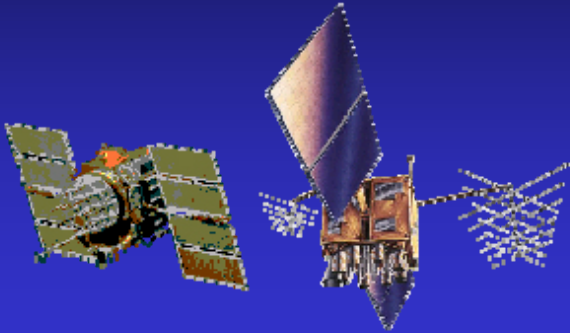
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# GPS Modernization Plan

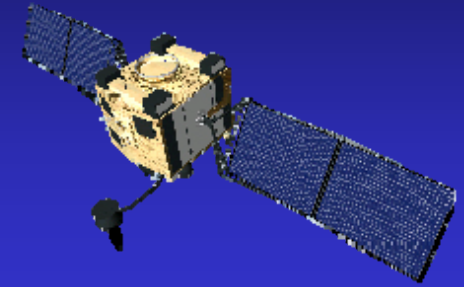
## Block IIA/IIR



## Block IIR-M, IIF



## Block III



### IIA / IIR: Basic GPS

- C/A civil signal (L1C/A)
- Std Service, 16-24m SEP
- Precise Service, 16m SEP
  - L1 & L2 P(Y) nav

### IIR-M: IIA/IIR capabilities &

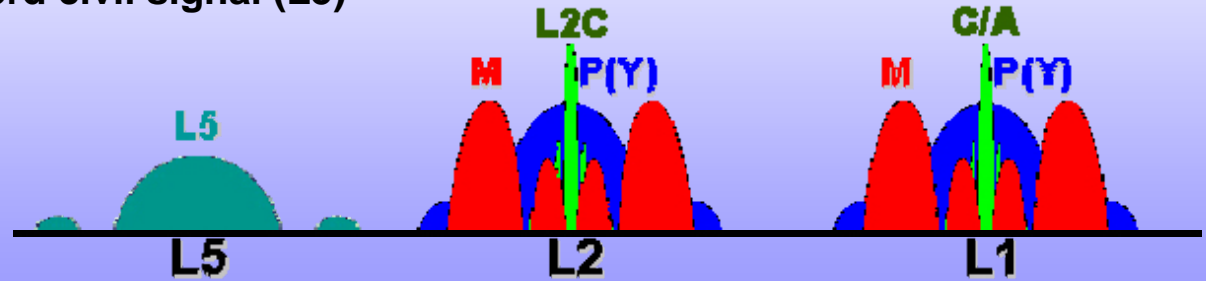
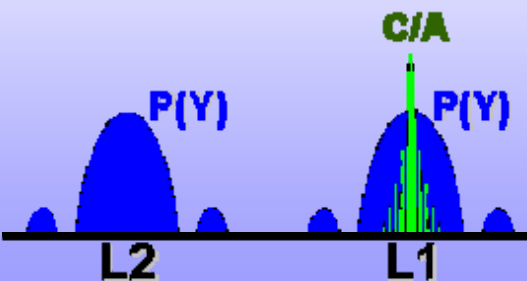
- 2nd civil signal (L2C)
- New military code
- Flex A/J power (+7dB)

### IIF: IIR-M capability plus

- 3rd civil signal (L5)

### III: IIF capabilities &

- Improved civil signal (L1C)
- Increased accuracy (4.8-1.2m)
- Evaluating integrity improvements
- Navigation surety for military
  - Increased A/J power (+20 dB)



***GPS modernization balances military and civil needs***



# Civil Benefits of GPS Modernization

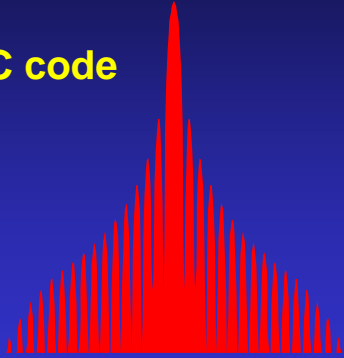
- New signals provide
  - **Reduced vulnerability** to interference
  - Calculation of ionospheric corrections at user site
- **Improvements in service performance** in accuracy, availability, integrity, and reliability
  - Provide **centimeter-level accuracy** for scientific and survey applications
- New **spectrally separated** signals
  - **Preserve civil use** outside areas of military ops
- Opportunity for **common & complementary signals/services** with other global navigation satellite systems

**New end-user opportunities should result**



# Second Civil Signal (L2C)

L2C code



**Begins with IIR-M sats**  
**First launch: May 2005**  
**24 Satellites: 2012**

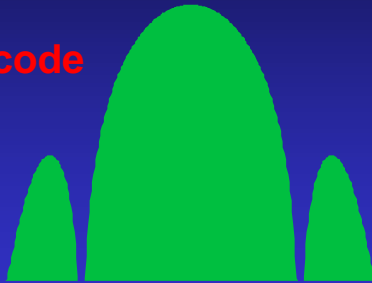
- **Benefits of L2C**

- Improves service for ~ 50,000 current scientific/commercial dual frequency users
- Extends safety-of-life, single-frequency E-911 applications
- Provides better protection (24 dB) than C/A against code cross correlation and continuous wave (CW) interference
- L2C signal definition in ICD-GPS-200C



# Third Civil Signal (L5)

L5 code



Begins with IIF sats  
First launch: 2006  
24 Satellites: 2014

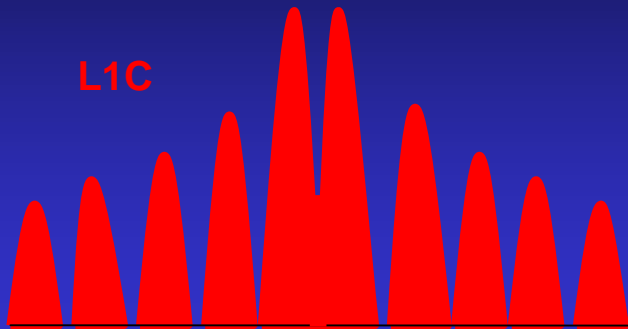
- **Benefits of L5**

- Improves signal structure for enhanced performance
  - Higher power (-154.9 dBW)
  - 20 MHz (minimum) broadcast bandwidth
- Aeronautical Radionavigation Services band
  - Co-primary allocation at WRC-2000 (1164-1215MHz)
- L5 signal definition in IS-GPS-705





# New L1 Civil Signal (L1C)



**Begins with GPS III**  
**First launch: ~ 2012**  
**24 Satellites: ~ 2017**

- **Adds a modernized L1 civil signal**
  - In addition to C/A code to ensure backward compatibility
- **Enables greater civil interoperability with Galileo**
  - Converges with Galileo L1 Open Service



# GPS III Status

- **Contracts awarded** in January 04
  - To Lockheed and Boeing for 12-month **requirements definition** effort
  - Leading to Systems Requirements Review
- **Decision** to enter next program/contract phase (Risk Reduction/Design Development) is currently scheduled for **Summer 2005**
- **First launch** currently projected for 2012



# GPS III Civil Benefits

- Increase in **system accuracy**
- **Improve robustness to interference**
- Improve level of **unaugmented integrity**
- Improve **availability** of accuracy with integrity
- **Backward compatibility** with existing receivers
- **Operational capability** for L2C & L5
  - In combination with GPS IIR-M/IIF satellites
- Flexibility to respond to **evolving requirements** with limited programmatic impacts
- Opportunity to **converge** with Galileo Open Service



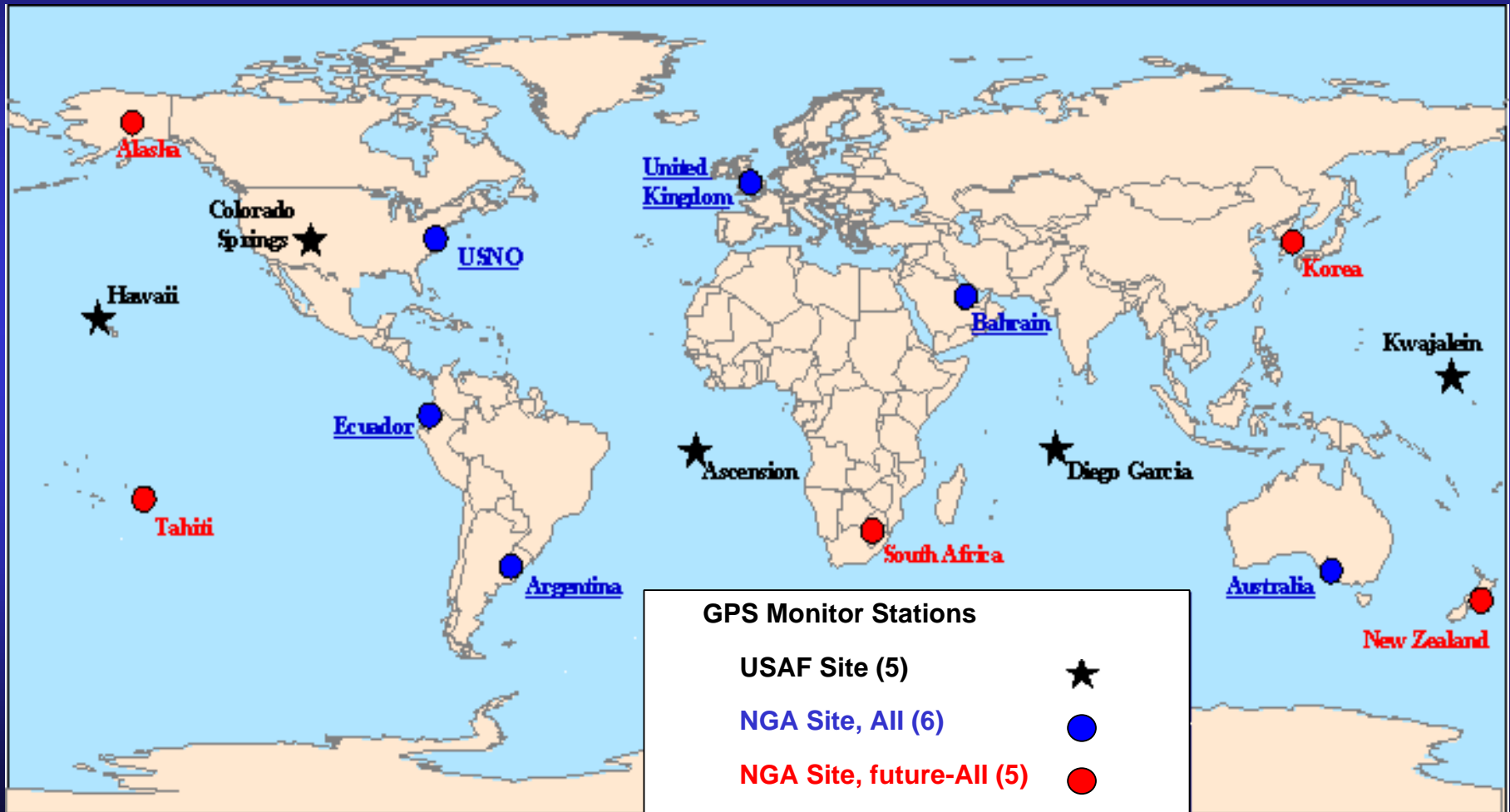
# Legacy Improvements

- Legacy **Accuracy Improvement Initiative** by US Air Force & National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in 2005
  - Objective is to **reduce “User Range Error”** (URE) produced by errors in GPS satellite orbital position and clock data transmitted to users in the GPS nav data message
  - **Combining USAF & NGA GPS satellite tracking data** results in better knowledge of GPS satellite orbits & clocks
  - **Monitoring of Civil Signals:** Operational Control Segment Modernized Monitor Station Receiver Equipment (MMSRE) development ongoing
- Integrity Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (IFMEA): Knowledge of GPS failure modes required to design improved integrity monitoring systems
- Improvements to WAAS and NDGPS



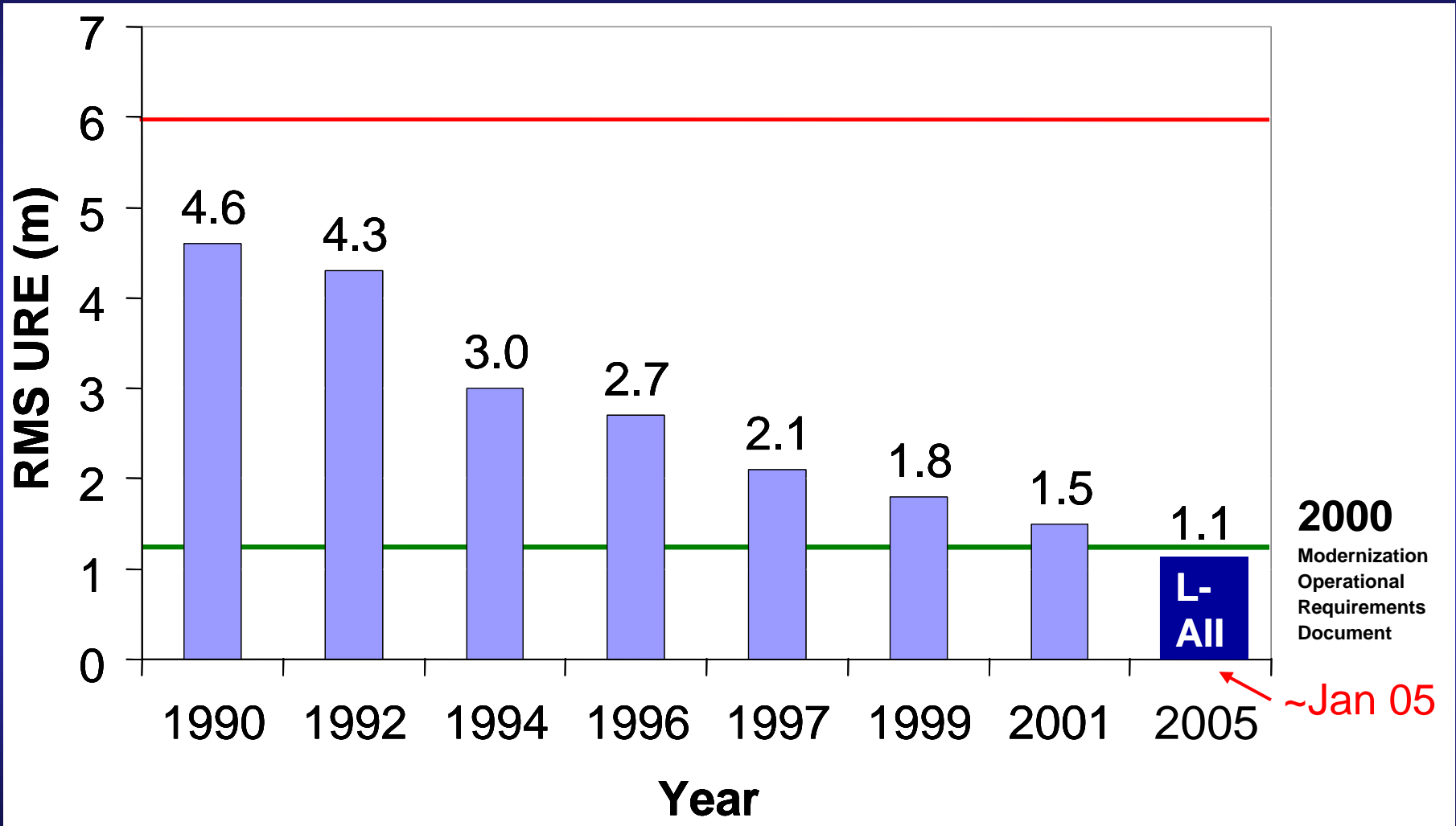
# Control Segment Tracking Stations

## *Accuracy Improvement Initiative (All)*





# User Range Error Performance History



**No user changes required to accomplish this!**



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# The Way Ahead

- Maintain **stable, consistent** GPS policy and service
- **Improve** GPS civil service through **modernization**
  - Second civil signal (L2C): First launch in 2005
  - Third civil signal (L5): First launch in 2006
  - Control Segment Improvements
  - GPS III to address future dual-use requirements
  - Continue augmentation development
- Build a logical **GNSS** architecture
  - Maintain international dialogue
  - **Maintain Spectral separation** of civil and military services
  - Establish **compatibility & Interoperability**
  - **Protect** GNSS spectrum