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### ***Citation format***

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### ***Citation example: Terra/MODIS L2 Cloud product:***

Menzel, W.P., Frey, R.A., and Baum, B.A. (2015). Terra/MODIS Cloud Product 5-Min L2 Swath 1 km and 5 km, C6, NASA Level-1 & Atmosphere Archive and Distribution System (LAADS) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC), Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. [[http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/MODIS/MOD06\\_L2.006](http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/MODIS/MOD06_L2.006)]

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