

# ***Interactive comment on “SMOS near real time soil moisture product: processor overview and first validation results” by Nemesio Rodríguez-Fernández et al.***

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We thank the referee for his/her constructive comments.

Regarding the training and validation periods, the referee is completely right that the best approach is to perform the evaluation in a different period with respect to the training. That's exactly what we did. The period cited by the referee (June 2010-June 2012) is the period used for the training. As stated in section 4 of the manuscript the evaluation was done in 2015. Taking into account the referee comment, we reckon that we should stress this a bit more in a corrected version of the manuscript, maybe in section 2 or even in the abstract.

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Thanks for the English editing and typos corrections.

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