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A few people have asked if we can tell them how to control the channel on the new receiver with the computer. We should be able to work out something to do that, but I wonder if you can tell me how people normally interface with the computer to do that? Or do you have any links to websites which show how they do?

A:

Frankly with the current suite of satellites up there, and that is all we are going to have, I don't think that it is all that important to have automatic frequency control. NOAA 15 is a marginal bird, 17 is flat broken, and 18 and 19 are in orbits that are so close together that they give virtually identical imagery in every pass anyway. So what it boils down to is that you pick either 18 or 19, set the receiver, and leave it on that one.

One could develop an interface to switch frequencies, and maybe the guys that developed WXTOIMG would want to take that on, but I don't think it is worth the effort.

Not sure that helps, but that is the strategy that I encourage teachers to use with your receiver.