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It is known from long ago that solar energetic charged particles, driven by the geomagnetic field, are able to produce ionization at different altitudes of the terrestrial atmosphere. Moreover, they can initiate catalytic cycles for the ozone depletion, involving NOx (N+NO+NO2) and HOx (H, OH, HO2) components. Nevertheless, only in recent years it was possible to compare chemical models involving atmospheric minor components with satellite data. In this work we looked for effects of the GLE/SEP events occurred during January 2005 on the OH and HNO3 species of the atmosphere. Results show that there is a response on the minor atmospheric components, which is different in the winter and summer terrestrial hemispheres.

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