Week 7 Assignment

- main concepts that went through about solar radiation.
- <u>Solar radiation:</u> is the emitted energy from the sun in a radiative transfer of heat, creating an electromagnetic energy.
- Solar radiation electromagnetic energy has a spectrum (solar spectrum) of visible (short wave) and invisible spectrum (near infrared and ultra violet).
- <u>Diffused solar radiation:</u> while solar radiation is transferring from outer space into the earth's atmosphere reaching the earth's surface (soil or water) it finds many obstacles which scatter, absorb, or reflect it causing in diffusing it, like air molecules, water vapor, clouds, dust, pollutants.. etc.
- <u>Direct beam solar radiation:</u> is the solar radiation that travels in a straight line from sun to earth's surface which doesn't find obstacles in its way and doesn't get diffused.
- The amount of radiation reaching earth's surface depends on several factors, such as; the location, time of day, season, in addition to local factors as the surrounding landscape and weather.
- One of the main affecting factors of sun radiation is the <u>air mass</u> in the earth's atmosphere, when the sun radiation is perpendicular to earth's surface and gets the biggest amount of energy possible. The less the angle of incidence the more the energy rays travel and get scattered or diffused, meaning less energy reaching that surface.



































