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NROL-35 Lifts Off on December 12, 2014

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-3E, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, at 10:19 p.m. EST, on December 12, 2014.

"Our government and industry partners have done it again with this evening's successful launch of NROL-35. The launch is yet another example of what hard work and dedication produces when the NRO, the Air Force, and industry partners work together," said Colonel Clint Hunt, USAF, Director, NRO Office of Space Launch.

NROL-35 is the third and final NRO launch in 2014, with the first two launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. The next NRO launch is scheduled for spring 2015, from Vandenberg.

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