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NRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES ABOARD DELTA IV

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Delta IV medium rocket from Space Launch Complex-37, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, at 6:38 P.M. EST, on March 11, 2011.

This is the fifth in a series of six launches scheduled during the NRO 50th Anniversary year in 2010-2011. "I am extremely proud of the entire government and contractor team who supported this launch. We have had an amazing five successful launches in the past 12 months, two in 2010 and three this year. I am looking forward to the launch of NROL-34 in April, which will conclude our most aggressive launch schedule in over two decades," said Col Alan Davis, Director of the NRO Office of Space Launch.

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