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NRO SATELLITE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED ABOARD ATLAS V ROCKET

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-41, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), Florida, at 8:28 a.m. EST, on June 20, 2012.

This is the second of four scheduled launches in five months for the NRO this year, two at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., and two at CCAFS. The next NRO launch is scheduled for June 28th at CCAFS.

"This morning's flawless launch is the product of many months of hard work and collaboration of government and industry teams. We hit it out of the park again as we continue to deliver superior vigilance from above for the Nation," remarked Col James D. Fisher, Director of Office of Space Launch.

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