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NRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES ABOARD ATLAS V

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-3, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, at 09:24 PDT, on April 14, 2011.

This is the sixth and final launch during the NRO 50th Anniversary year in 2010-2011. "It is fitting that NRO celebrates its anniversary in a few months, because today culminates one of the most aggressive launch schedules in our history. I am immensely proud of the contractor and government team who came together to support these missions. Their hard work and dedication ensures our Nation's critical edge in space well into the next decade," said Col Alan Davis, Director of the NRO Office of Space Launch.

The NRO is a joint Department of Defense-Intelligence Community organization responsible for developing, launching, and operating America's signals, imagery, and communications satellites to meet the needs of our Nation.

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