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NRO SATELLITE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED ABOARD DELTA IV ROCKET

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Delta IV rocket from Space Launch Complex-6, Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California, at 4:12 PST, on April 3, 2012.

This is the first of four scheduled launches in five months for the NRO this year, two at Vandenberg and two at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

“Today’s successful launch is a tribute to the hard work and ingenuity of our government and contractor team and I am very proud of them. After the six successful launches last year, our 50th anniversary year, we proved tonight we can continue that hitting streak as we work to deliver superior vigilance from above for the Nation,” remarked Col James D. Fisher, Director of 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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