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NROL-33 Lifts Off on May 22, 2014

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 9:09 a.m. EDT, on May 22, 2014.

“This morning’s successful launch of NROL-33 is continued evidence of the NRO, the Air Force, and industry partners working as one team with a common mission and commitment to the national security of the United States and its allies. I’m extremely proud of our talented, dedicated, and focused NRO, contractor, and Air Force team!” said Colonel Clint Hunt, USAF, Director, NRO Office of Space Launch.

NROL-33 is the second of three 2014 NRO launches. The next NRO launch is on schedule for late 2014, from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California.

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