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### **NROL-71 lifts off aboard Delta IV Heavy**

A National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payload was successfully launched aboard a United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket from Space Launch Complex-6, Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California, at 11:10 a.m. PST, on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

“We are very happy to have achieved another successful launch in support of our country’s national security mission,” said Colonel Matthew Skeen, USAF, Director, NRO Office of Space Launch. “This launch, like the ones that have come before, represents years of hard work and dedication from our government and industry team members and serves as a true testament to the meaning of teamwork. We thank each and every one of them for their commitment to helping place this critical space asset on orbit. ”

NROL-71 is a national security payload designed, built and operated by the NRO and is the agency’s first launch for 2019.

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