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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-37, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), Florida, at 9:15 a.m. EST, on June 29, 2012.

This is the third 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 August 2, 2012, at Vandenberg.

“Our government and industry teams have done it again with this morning’s perfect launch. All their hard work has contributed to providing superior vigilance from above for the Nation,” remarked Col James D. Fisher, Director of Office of Space Launch.

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