Boeing Delta II Launch Delayed 24 Hours

Today's launch of five IRIDIUM® system satellites has been delayed 24-hours due to smoke from distant brush fires and high winds. The satellites remain safe on board the Boeing Delta II expendable launch vehicle.

Boeing has rescheduled the launch for Wednesday, Aug.20, at 5:38:43 p.m. PDT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: You may contact the Boeing representatives, Keith Takahashi and Walt Rice, via pagers at 1-800-759-8888, their respective PIN numbers are 137-5719 and 130-5400. They may also be reached by calling the Boeing operations suite at (805) 693-0080.

For the current information on this and other Delta II launches call the Boeing Delta II launch hotline at (714) 896-4770. Media representatives wishing to cover the launch should contact the Vandenberg Public Affairs Office at (805) 734-8232, extension 6-3595. The public affairs office requires media representatives to fax their request on company letterhead to the public affairs office for accreditation. The fax number is (805) 734-8232, extension 6-8303.

There will be a live satellite broadcast feed of the launch. The feed will be available on SBS 6 Transponder 9. The broadcast will start at 5:00 p.m. PDT, and last approximately one hour.

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