Delta II Launch of ARGOS Satellite Scrubbed During Final Countdown

This morning's Boeing [NYSE: BA] Delta II launch of the U.S. Air Force ARGOS satellite was scrubbed just prior to main engine ignition. The countdown cutoff occurred seconds prior to the anticipated 2:44 a.m. PST liftoff.

The launch team will review the data from today's launch attempt to determine the cause and corrective action.

Currently, another Delta II rocket is in final preparations at Cape Canaveral Air Station, Fla., for the Feb. 6 launch of the NASA Stardust spacecraft. Using data from the ARGOS scrub, the launch team will conduct a review of the Stardust Delta II vehicle to assess readiness for flight.

The ARGOS launch has two NASA-sponsored secondary payloads, the Ørsted satellite for Denmark and the SUNSAT micro-satellite for South Africa.

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