Delta II Launch of ARGOS Satellite Postponed

Officials have scrubbed this morning's launch of a Boeing Delta II expendable launch vehicle carrying the ARGOS spacecraft for the U.S. Air Force due to adverse weather conditions and range safety concerns.

Officials postponed the launch after citing winds with potential to shower debris in populated areas in the event the range had to destroy the rocket during flight.

Boeing is proceeding with plans for a launch tomorrow at 2:37:51 a.m. PST Thursday, Jan. 21, and will host a live video feed from 2:30 to 4:45 a.m. PST. Satellite coordinates are: GE 2C, transponder 6, located at 85 degrees west, uplink frequency 6045 (vertical), downlink frequency 3820 (horizontal). A live webcast also will be carried from 2:30 to 4:45 a.m. PST.

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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