Air Force Officials Delay Launch of GPS Satellite Aboard Boeing Delta II

Tonight's launch of a U.S. Air Force Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite aboard a Boeing [NYSE: BA] Delta II rocket has been scrubbed in order to gather data on the spacecraft's solar array deployment mechanism.

A potential issue was identified while inspecting another Lockheed Martin Space Systems-built spacecraft being prepared for launch. While there is no demonstrated problem with the spacecraft on the launch pad, the analysis is a precautionary measure to ensure that all systems are functioning at their full level of performance.

Officials made the decision to halt launch preparations approximately 5 and half-hours before the 11:01 p.m. EDT launch window.

The technical issue with ground support equipment that provides electrical power to the spacecraft, which caused last night's scrub, has been resolved.

The launch will be re-scheduled pending range availability. As with last night's launch attempt there were no issues with the Boeing Delta II rocket.

For more information visit the Boeing Delta website.

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