Boeing Delta II with AF GPS satellite to launch May 10

A Boeing [NYSE: BA] Delta II rocket is scheduled to launch a U.S. Air Force Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite into a nearly 11,000-mile circular orbit on May 10.

The Delta II will lift off Space Launch Complex 17A at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., during a 29-minute launch window that opens at 9:48 p.m. EDT.

The satellite carried aboard the Delta II will replace one of the original GPS navigational satellites placed into orbit 11 years ago.

The Air Force mission had been originally scheduled for April 21, but scrubbed twice. The issues involving range facilities and a potential issue with the GPS spacecraft have been resolved.

For detailed information regarding remote camera set-up or launch viewing, please contact the 45th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 321-494-5933. News media representatives wishing to attend the launch must send requests on company letterhead by facsimile to the Public Affairs Office of the 45th Space Wing at (321) 494-7302.

Boeing will host a live video broadcast. Bars and tone begin at 9:30 p.m. EDT followed by the broadcast at 9:40 p.m. EDT. Satellite coordinates are: Galaxy 11, transponder 21C, downlink frequency 4120 Mhz horizontal, uplink frequency 6345 Mhz vertical.

For more information, visit the Boeing Delta website.

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