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Sea Launch has scrubbed tonight's launch of the Thuraya-1 satellite due to an instrumentation issue found in pre-launch operations. The launch countdown has been recycled 24 hours. The 45-minute launch window will open tomorrow, Oct. 19, at 10:56 p.m. PDT.

Up-to-date information will be recorded on the Sea Launch Hot Line, 800.995.4123 and posted on the Sea Launch website.

During Sea Launch Mission Five, the Zenit-3SL vehicle will lift the Thuraya-1 mobile communications satellite into geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO) from a floating launch platform on the equator. Designed for a 12-year lifespan, the Thuraya-1 satellite will provide more than 1.8 billion subscribers - covering three continents - with telephone, voice mail, Interactive Voice Response, data, fax and GPS.

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