Boeing Delta II Launch of NASA'S ICESAT/CHIPSAT Scrubbed

Boeing [NYSE: BA] and NASA officials scrubbed today's launch of NASA's ICESat and CHIPSat satellites aboard a Boeing Delta II rocket from Space Launch Complex 2W, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The launch was scheduled for liftoff at 4:45 p.m. PST.

The decision to scrub today's launch was the result of an issue involving the helium pressurization system of the ground support equipment. The issue does not involve the launch vehicle or the spacecrafts.

If the issue can be resolved within the next 24 hours, Boeing and NASA will attempt to launch again tomorrow, with the 45-minute launch window opening at 4:45 p.m. PST.

A Delta II 7320-10 rocket is scheduled to deploy ICESat (Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite) and CHIPSat (Cosmic Hot Interstellar Plasma Spectrometer Satellite) to circular polar orbits for NASA.

For updated information, call the Boeing Launch Hotline at (714) 896-4770.

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