

New NASA control room begins operations

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NASA scientists responsible for controlling operations aboard the International Space Station are now working in a new mission control room.

The facility in Houston was originally commissioned as one of two flight control rooms at the Johnson Space Center in 1965. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it has been updated to increase technical capabilities and available workspace for the station team as they embark "on a series of tasks as complex as any in the history of human spaceflight."

Station flight controllers officially began working last Friday in the remodeled control room, which NASA says has 20 consoles, liquid crystal displays, three giant display screens and more space in general for safety and comfort.

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