

NASA plans fueling test for space shuttle

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(AP) -- NASA will conduct a fueling test next week on space shuttle Endeavour to see if a hydrogen gas leak has been plugged.

The leak led to back-to-back launch delays earlier this month while the spacecraft was being fueled.

Engineers suspect the leak was caused by a misaligned plate on the shuttle's [external fuel tank](#), where it hooks up to a vent line. A pair of Teflon seals will be replaced, this time with more supple ones, and the misalignment will be corrected. A fueling test is planned for next Wednesday to make sure that the repairs are successful.

If all goes well, NASA hopes to launch Endeavour to the [international space station](#) on July 11th. The shuttle and a crew of seven will deliver the final segment of a Japanese lab.

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