

Leak fixed, shuttle good for next Monday launch

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This undated photo released by NASA shows the connecting point in a fuel line, labeled and circled by NASA, which had been leaking on space shuttle Discovery's right-side orbiter maneuvering system engine. NASA said Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010 that it will empty Discovery's on-board fuel tanks, then replace two seals in the line that had been leaking. The job at the launch pad will take the rest of this week. If all goes well, the shuttle will remain on track for a Nov. 1 liftoff to the International Space Station. (AP Photo/NASA)

(AP) -- Space shuttle Discovery has new seals and is no longer leaking.

NASA says now that the repairs are completed, everything is looking good for liftoff next Monday. Senior managers are meeting at Florida's spaceport to set the launch date.



This will be Discovery's final flight. NASA is retiring its shuttles next year. The White House wants the space agency to focus on developing spaceships that can take <u>astronauts</u> out of orbit and into deep space.

Over the weekend, technicians replaced a pair of seals in a fuel line aboard Discovery that had been leaking. <u>NASA</u> says the repairs seem to have solved the problem.

Discovery will deliver equipment to the International Space Station.

More information: NASA: <u>http://www.nasa.gov</u>

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