

Launch of NASA Glory satellite postponed again

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NASA says the launch of an Earth-observing satellite from California has been postponed because of a problem with ground equipment.

A Taurus XL rocket carrying the Glory [satellite was scheduled to lift off](#) early Wednesday from Vandenberg Air Force Base. But the launch was called off when a control console in a launch support van gave a false indication about the rocket's status. [NASA](#) says the console indicated a command had been sent when there had been no such command.

Engineers have not resolved the error, and further launch attempts this week have been called off.

NASA is weighing [launch](#) possibilities in March. The \$434 million mission will study how airborne particles known as aerosols affect climate. The mission is managed by Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

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