

Cocaine is found at NASA's Kennedy Space Center

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A packet of white powder that was found at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, where the space shuttle launches, has tested positive for cocaine, NASA's Inspector General's office said Tuesday.

The packet contained "4.2 grams of a white powdery substance" and was "found in a NASA facility at KSC on March 7," said spokeswoman Renee Juhans.

"Law enforcement personnel field tested the substance -- which indicated a positive test for [cocaine](#). The substance is now at an accredited crime lab for further testing," she said.

"A NASA OIG investigation is ongoing."

NASA has a zero-tolerance drug policy. Juhans declined to comment on exactly where at [Kennedy Space Center](#) the cocaine was found, or if any employees had showed positive results in drug tests.

On Monday, an engineer who worked for a company that contracts with [NASA](#) fell to his death while working at the Kennedy Space Center [launch pad](#) where the shuttle Endeavour is set for liftoff next month.

Asked if there was believed to be any link between the two events, Juhans said: "No comment."

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