

Engine in failed rocket launch likely to be pulled

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In this Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 file photo provided by NASA, the Orbital Sciences Corporation Antares rocket, with the Cygnus spacecraft onboard, explodes moments after launch from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport Pad 0A, at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. Orbital Sciences says it will likely stop using the type of engines that were employed when its unmanned Antares commercial supply rocket moments after liftoff last week. The company says its investigation of the crash is continuing, but preliminary results point to a failure in one of its two main engines.(AP Photo/NASA, Joel Kowsky, File)

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Orbital Sciences Corp., based in Dulles, Virginia, says there will be no cost increase for NASA. It will introduce an already-planned upgrade to the Antares propulsion system early in 2016.

Orbital doesn't expect costs related to the accident to be material in 2015.

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