

NASA puts off space station repair until Friday

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This Feb. 19, 2010 file photo provided by NASA shows the International Space Station with Earth's horizon as a backdrop. Several power systems have been shut down aboard the International Space Station after a cooling system malfunctioned. NASA says in a posting on its website that one of two cooling loops aboard the space station was shut down Saturday, July 31, 2010. A module that pumps ammonia coolant to prevent equipment from overheating was still shut down early Sunday, Aug. 1. (AP Photo/NASA, File)

(AP) -- NASA has put off a major repair job at the International Space Station until Friday.

NASA says it needs more time to prepare before sending two [astronauts](#) on a spacewalk to replace a [broken pump](#) on the station's cooling system. The pump failed over the weekend and knocked out half of the space station's cooling system, which keeps electronic equipment from

overheating.

Managers had been hoping to do the first spacewalk on Thursday but decided workers on the ground needed more time to work on the repair plan. A second spacewalk will be conducted a few days later to complete the repairs.

[NASA](#) officials say the six astronauts at the space station are safe and the outpost is stable.

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