

Winds force cancellation of unmanned rocket launch

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This photo provided by NASA shows the Orbital Sciences Corporation Antares rocket on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) Pad-0A at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia, Saturday, April 20, 2013. A company contracted by NASA to deliver supplies to the International Space Station has scrubbed the launch of a test rocket from the East Coast. (AP Photo/NASA, Bill Ingalls)

A company contracted by the U.S. space agency to deliver supplies to the International Space Station has cancelled the launch of a test rocket.

High winds forced the cancellation of the launch of

the unmanned Antares rocket planned for Saturday from Virginia.

Orbital Sciences Corp. plans to try again Sunday.

The launch is designed to test whether a practice payload could reach orbit and safely separate from the rocket.



Clouds are overhead as Orbital Sciences Corp. Antares rocket sits on the launch pad at the NASA facility on Wallops Island Va., Saturday April 20, 2013. NASA will try to launch the vehicle Saturday afternoon. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

Orbital is one of two companies contracted to supply the space station by NASA, which ended its [shuttle program](#) in 2011.

SpaceX completed its third supply run to the station last month.

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