a two-stage Delta 2 rocket is set to carry the NOAA n prime spacecraft into orbit lifting off from space launch complex-2 west at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California built by Lockheed Martin Space Systems company NOAA and prime is the latest polar orbiting satellite developed by NASA for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the final satellite in the tyro series the spacecraft arrived at Vandenberg on November 4th aboard a c5 aircraft and was taken to the Astrotech payload processing
facility the satellite was powered on by

Lockheed Martin technicians who

can conduct electrical communication

system and solar array illumination

tests the Delta 2 arrived at Vandenberg

Air Force Base in November and in early

December stacking of the rocket began at

space launch complex-2 the first stage

was installed into the launcher and the

three solid rocket boosters were

attached around the base the second

stage was then hoisted atop the first

while the payload fairing was installed

in the cleanroom within the mobile
service tower technicians at the launch

pad conducted mechanical electrical and avionics systems checkouts in the early morning hours of January 15th the spacecraft was transported to the launch pad where it was installed atop the Rockets second stage and spacecraft state of health checks were completed in late January the second stage was loaded with hypergolic propellants after the protective fairing was installed around the spacecraft the stage is now set the rocket and spacecraft are ready and soon the familiar three two one liftoff will
send noah and prime spaceward to fulfill its mission

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