Allard Beutel/STS-133 Tanking Commentator: This is Shuttle Launch Control

at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

We have officially scrubbed today's launch attempt for space shuttle Discovery's

STS-133 mission to the International Space Station.

The official scrub time was 8:11 a.m. Eastern.

The launch team here in Firing Room 4 in the Launch Control Center is currently in the process of draining the

External Tank of both the liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen.

And that is because a hydrogen gas leak developed roughly about an hour ago during the process known as tanking,

that's filling the External Tank with about 535,000 gallons of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

The leak occurred in a location known as the Ground Umbilical Carrier Plate, or GUCP.

It's a connecting plate, you see here, in a ventilation line that bleeds off excess hydrogen gas

as the liquid hydrogen part of the tank is filling up.

Come back on with an update but we are officially scrubbed today and not going to be trying to launch this afternoon.
We'll see what options the team will look at and what our next launch opportunity will be.

The scrub again was called officially at 8:11 a.m. Eastern. This is Shuttle Launch Control.