this is Pegasus launch control at launch

preparations are on schedule for the

launch of the orbital sciences Pegasus

XL rocket carrying NASA's iris

spacecraft the call to stations for the

launch team was at two o'clock this

afternoon pacific time and the launch

countdown began at two-thirty p.m.

approximately five hours prior to the

opening of the launch window going

through the pre takeoff checklist takes

three hours and 35 minutes to complete

the l-1011 is scheduled for departure at
six-fifteen p.m. pacific time with the
drop of the pegasus from the l-1011
targeted to occur precisely at 727 34
p.m. pacific time the plane launch
window is five minutes in duration the
time from the l-1011 wheels up to the
drop of the Pegasus is 58 minutes the
weather forecast for today continues to
call for a twenty percent chance of not
meeting the launch weather criteria
primarily due to cod constraints for
NASA this will be the 19th flight of a
Pegasus rocket the 42nd Pegasus launch
for orbital sciences