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00:00:08,300 --> 00:00:04,130

[silence]

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00:00:08,320 --> 00:00:12,470

[music] Narrator: On October 9, 2009, a Centaur rocket impacted the Moon, followed

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00:00:12,490 --> 00:00:16,650

soon by NASA's LCROSS spacecraft. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter

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00:00:16,670 --> 00:00:20,750

was there, both to help pick the location of the impact, and to observe the resulting debris and

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00:00:20,770 --> 00:00:24,850

vapor cloud. First, an impact site had to be selected. Data from

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00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:28,920

LRO's LEND and Diviner instruments helped pick a good location--LEND to find a

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00:00:28,940 --> 00:00:33,080

probable source of hydrogen, and Diviner to pick a cold, permanently shadowed region likely

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00:00:33,100 --> 00:00:37,130

to contain certain volatiles. Once the impact occurred, these same instruments,

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00:00:37,150 --> 00:00:41,180

along with LRO's LAMP instrument, observed the impact. LAMP revealed the

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00:00:41,200 --> 00:00:45,210

presence of molecular hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and other materials,

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00:00:45,230 --> 00:00:49,240

Diviner measured a noticeable change in thermal radiation coming from the site, and LEND

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00:00:49,260 --> 00:00:53,420

reported the presence of hydrogen. All in all, these results both complement

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00:00:53,440 --> 00:00:57,590

LCROSS findings and pave the way for future study of Earth's own satellite.

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00:00:57,610 --> 00:01:01,730

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00:01:01,750 --> 00:01:05,930

[beeping]