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00:00:02,070 --> 00:00:06,340

Good morning, and welcome once again to Delta Launch Control where we are very pleased to

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00:00:06,340 --> 00:00:11,799

be joined by NASA Launch Manager Omar Baez from NASA's Launch Services Program at Kennedy

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00:00:11,799 --> 00:00:13,910

Space Center in Florida.

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00:00:13,910 --> 00:00:21,539

We are here at Vandenberg Air Force Base after a wonderful, well-deserved launch this morning.

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00:00:21,539 --> 00:00:24,599

Omar can you please tell us how things went from your perspective.

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00:00:24,599 --> 00:00:28,220

Things went absolutely perfect today.

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00:00:28,220 --> 00:00:33,080

The weather cooperated with us and the upper-level winds cooperated with us.

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00:00:33,080 --> 00:00:34,950

So, the vehicle was perfect.

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00:00:34,950 --> 00:00:36,350

The spacecraft was perfect.

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00:00:36,350 --> 00:00:40,680

The range instrumentation worked great.

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00:00:40,680 --> 00:00:42,510

Couldn't ask for better.

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00:00:42,510 --> 00:00:45,079  
A lot of satisfied customers then?

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00:00:45,079 --> 00:00:46,449  
Absolutely.

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00:00:46,449 --> 00:00:53,370  
The nation's got another wonderful weather  
asset up in space and we can't wait to have

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00:00:53,370 --> 00:00:55,200  
the products coming back from it.

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00:00:55,200 --> 00:00:57,969  
It's a real pleasure to work this mission.

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00:00:57,969 --> 00:01:02,629  
I know folks have been working on it for a  
lot of years.

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00:01:02,629 --> 00:01:09,170  
And it's well-deserved that we get this launched,  
to get our folks back home, and enjoy the

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00:01:09,170 --> 00:01:12,430  
Thanksgiving holiday.

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00:01:12,430 --> 00:01:15,990  
I do want to thank the entire team for hanging  
in there with this.

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00:01:15,990 --> 00:01:21,040  
It took a little bit longer than we thought,  
but we got it done.

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00:01:21,040 --> 00:01:26,909  
And now we prepare for our next weather satellite,  
which is GOES, which we'll be doing in March

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00:01:26,909 --> 00:01:28,590  
out at the Cape.

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00:01:28,590 --> 00:01:32,390  
And what is next for the Delta II?

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:35,810  
What is the penultimate launch today?

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00:01:35,810 --> 00:01:41,619  
So we will have the last of the Delta IIs  
launching the ICESat satellite.

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00:01:41,619 --> 00:01:45,700  
And that will be in September 2018.

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00:01:45,700 --> 00:01:51,509  
It'll be a little bit different than II, it  
will have four solid rocket motors on it versus

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00:01:51,509 --> 00:01:52,509  
nine.

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00:01:52,509 --> 00:01:55,810  
So it will be a little bit easier to get out  
of here.

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00:01:55,810 --> 00:02:04,610  
Not have to worry about closures, coming down  
in areas you don't want them to.

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00:02:04,610 --> 00:02:09,590  
We should be able to look forward to doing  
it, but it's kind of sad to see the Delta

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00:02:09,590 --> 00:02:13,600  
It go away, but it's been a great vehicle  
for NASA.

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00:02:13,600 --> 00:02:16,260  
It's been our workhorse vehicle.

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00:02:16,260 --> 00:02:21,140  
And it's sad to see it go, but that's the  
way it goes.

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00:02:21,140 --> 00:02:22,140  
Understood.