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00:00:05,190 --> 00:00:03,110  
later this evening nasa will launch our

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00:00:07,349 --> 00:00:05,200  
newest science mission the lunar

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00:00:09,589 --> 00:00:07,359  
atmosphere and dust environment explorer

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00:00:11,430 --> 00:00:09,599  
better known as lady

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00:00:13,430 --> 00:00:11,440  
this mission will help us understand

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00:00:14,470 --> 00:00:13,440  
better our nearest neighbor in space the

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00:00:16,470 --> 00:00:14,480  
moon

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00:00:19,189 --> 00:00:16,480  
adding to knowledge we've gained from

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00:00:21,590 --> 00:00:19,199  
apollo to grail l cross and other

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00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:21,600  
important lunar expeditions

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00:00:26,310 --> 00:00:24,080  
lady continues nasa's great tradition of

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00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:26,320  
pushing the boundaries of our knowledge

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00:00:30,710 --> 00:00:28,320

and contributes to our work today to

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00:00:33,350 --> 00:00:30,720

travel to destinations in deep space

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:33,360

such as an asteroid in mars

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00:00:37,430 --> 00:00:35,760

as the spacecraft orbits the moon

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00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:37,440

its three instruments will gather

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00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:39,680

detailed information about the structure

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,000

and composition of the thin lunar

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00:00:46,869 --> 00:00:44,480

atmosphere and determine whether dust is

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,879

being lofted into the lunar sky

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00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:48,480

a thorough understanding of these

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00:00:52,790 --> 00:00:50,960

characteristics will help researchers

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00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:52,800

understand other bodies in the solar

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00:00:57,830 --> 00:00:55,440

system such as large asteroids and the

26  
00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:57,840  
conditions explorers may face on future

27  
00:01:01,590 --> 00:00:59,199  
missions

28  
00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:01,600  
those of you in the mid-atlantic region

29  
00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:03,440  
may be able to see the rocket as it

30  
00:01:08,230 --> 00:01:06,240  
heads to the moon late friday night

31  
00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:08,240  
it's a tangible sign that american

32  
00:01:13,990 --> 00:01:10,960  
launch capabilities are expanding as the

33  
00:01:16,390 --> 00:01:14,000  
mid-atlantic regional spaceport mars on

34  
00:01:17,910 --> 00:01:16,400  
wallops island sends this important

35  
00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:17,920  
mission to space

36  
00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:20,080  
soon to be followed by orbital sciences

37  
00:01:24,710 --> 00:01:22,880  
antares cygnus demonstration mission to

38  
00:01:26,469 --> 00:01:24,720

the international space station also

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00:01:29,109 --> 00:01:26,479

from wallops

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00:01:31,749 --> 00:01:29,119

lady also carries an important secondary

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00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:31,759

payload the lunar laser communications

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00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:34,880

demonstration or llcd

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00:01:39,749 --> 00:01:37,040

which will help us open a new era of

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00:01:41,429 --> 00:01:39,759

space communications by becoming nasa's

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00:01:44,390 --> 00:01:41,439

first high rate

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:44,400

two-way space laser system

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00:01:49,109 --> 00:01:46,560

nasa recognizes that missions of the

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00:01:51,109 --> 00:01:49,119

future will require significantly higher

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00:01:53,429 --> 00:01:51,119

data rates than existing communications

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:53,439

capability allows

51  
00:01:57,910 --> 00:01:55,600  
we need to erase the time lag we

52  
00:01:59,350 --> 00:01:57,920  
currently have in communications to deep

53  
00:02:01,830 --> 00:01:59,360  
space

54  
00:02:04,550 --> 00:02:01,840  
optical communications via laser beam

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00:02:06,550 --> 00:02:04,560  
could enable entirely new missions using

56  
00:02:09,190 --> 00:02:06,560  
speedier and more efficient instruments

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00:02:11,990 --> 00:02:09,200  
and high data rate communications

58  
00:02:13,270 --> 00:02:12,000  
we'll demonstrate the llcd system in

59  
00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:13,280  
october

60  
00:02:17,510 --> 00:02:15,760  
what we learn from it will be directly

61  
00:02:21,270 --> 00:02:17,520  
applicable to the next generation of

62  
00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:21,280  
nasa's space communications network

63  
00:02:25,830 --> 00:02:24,080

this is why nasa's space technology

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00:02:28,790 --> 00:02:25,840

mission directorate is developing the

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00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:28,800

laser communications relay demonstration

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00:02:33,110 --> 00:02:30,640

the next step in developing the space

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00:02:35,190 --> 00:02:33,120

communication systems of the future that

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00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:35,200

will enable our missions to mars and

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:36,480

beyond

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00:02:40,470 --> 00:02:38,640

as nasa matures space laser

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00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:40,480

communication systems

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:42,959

these technologies will be infused into

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00:02:47,190 --> 00:02:44,800

future nasa networks

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00:02:49,910 --> 00:02:47,200

offering far greater bandwidth for space

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00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:49,920

communications than today's systems at

76  
00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:52,000  
significantly reduced power and mass

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:53,120  
needs

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00:02:58,630 --> 00:02:56,879  
the llcd payload on lady will be a first

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00:03:00,470 --> 00:02:58,640  
step in this work

80  
00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:00,480  
the lady mission will expand our

81  
00:03:04,869 --> 00:03:02,319  
knowledge of the solar system and bring

82  
00:03:07,110 --> 00:03:04,879  
us closer to technologies that we'll

83  
00:03:09,589 --> 00:03:07,120  
need to explore future destinations like

84  
00:03:11,910 --> 00:03:09,599  
an asteroid and mars

85  
00:03:14,070 --> 00:03:11,920  
with your help we're reaching new

86  
00:03:15,670 --> 00:03:14,080  
heights in air and space

87  
00:03:17,670 --> 00:03:15,680  
and returning new knowledge for the

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00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:17,680

benefit of humankind