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#### NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SPACECRAFT SERIES

This is an artist's concept of the TIROS-N, the first in a third generation series of new operational meteorological monitoring satellites - the TIROS-N series - to be launched from the Western Test Range near Lompoc, California, on September 15, 1978.

The first of eight in the third generation of polar orbiting environmental spacecraft, TIROS-N will carry new environmental monitoring instruments into space that should provide significant technological advances over those on board the current NOAA series spacecraft they will replace.

TIROS-N is funded and managed by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland. After its checkout period (approximately two months) Goddard will turn it over to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

TIROS-N was built by RCA's Astro Electronics Division, Princeton, New Jersey.

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