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Missile Defense Test Conducted

The Missile Defense Agency was unable to complete a planned flight test tonight exercising elements of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system due to an apparent malfunction with the target missile shortly after launch (4:05 pm Hawaii time; 10:05 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time). Because of the target malfunction, the target did not have enough momentum to reach the area previously approved for a safe intercept at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawaii. Since the target never reached the intercept area off the Kauai coast, the two THAAD interceptors taking part in the flight test were not launched.

Program officials will review data collected during the test, and will conduct an extensive investigation to determine the cause of the malfunction.