

NASA TV wikipedia

The network aired a large amount of educational programming and provides live coverage of an array of crewed missions (including the International Space Station), robotic missions, and domestic and international launches. The network completed its conversion from analog to digital transmission in late 2005 following the launch of STS-114, ending a period of dual analog and digital broadcasting. However, some cable television systems may have had still have transmitted in analog before the U.S. digital television transition. The satellite link used the DVB-S system for transmission.

On July 29, 2024, NASA announced that it would phase out NASA TV in favor of NASA+ due to an increase of viewership on its digital platforms. The linear feeds closed on August 28 of that year, at 11 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

While NASA distributed NASA TV in high definition, some redistributors, such as Dish Network and DirecTV, downconverted to standard definition before delivering to their customers.

The network also provided an array of live programming, such as ISS events (spacewalks, media interviews, educational broadcasts), press conferences and rocket launches. These often included running commentary by members of the NASA Public Affairs Office who serve as the "voice of Mission Control", including Rob Navias, Nicole Cloutier, Brandi Dean, and formerly, Josh Byerly and the retired George Diller.

In July 2023, NASA announced that it would form a new streaming platform known as NASA+, accessible via the agency's mobile apps and apps for digital media player platforms such as Apple TV and Roku.

As NASA TV is a service of the federal government of the United States, its programming is considered in the public domain for any organization or person to use as they see fit; for instance the paid programming network LifehacksDRTV and WMGM-TV uses NASA TV's educational blocks to fulfill their FCC E/I requirements for their individual station or network affiliates. A list of known rebroadcasters is available on the website RabbitEars.

In July 2023, NASA announced NASA+, a streaming service that runs content similar to NASA TV. NASA TV ran parallel to NASA+ until July 29, 2024, when NASA announced NASA TV would cease operations on August 28. On August 26, 2024, NASA TV's final schedule was released, with the linear channel's final program scheduled to be "Artemis I: The Documentary".

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