



# Launch Mission Execution Forecast

**Mission:** Falcon 9 SAOCOM-1B

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**Forecast Discussion:** Very little change to the forecast or reasoning as the subtropical ridge axis remains well south of Central Florida, creating southwesterly winds in the low-levels. Southwest flow impedes the inland progression of the east coast sea breeze and allows inland storms to migrate towards the Space Coast. This increases the threat of thunderstorms and associated cloudiness over the Spaceport. In addition, the remnants of Hurricane Laura are providing ample moisture to the southeast U.S. and Florida, providing increased cloud cover through the weekend. The primary weather concerns for launch attempts Sunday and Monday evening remain the Thick Cloud Layers Rule related to the remnant moisture and the Cumulus, and Anvil Cloud Rules from the afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

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<i>Note: The Probability of Violation (POV) is the chance that a Lightning Launch Commit Criteria (LLCC) or certain user constraints (surface winds, precipitation, and temperatures, etc.) will be violated during the launch window. It does not take into account upper-level wind shear, booster recovery weather, and solar activity.</i>																						
<b>Next Forecast Will Be Issued</b>		As Required																				