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For the LRO/LCROSS liftoff, the launch team members will assemble at their computer and communication consoles in the Mission Directors Center at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station about three to four hours before the launch.

The NASA launch director is the highest authority during the countdown and provides NASA's "go/no-go" decision to the mission director.

Before liftoff, the launch director checks with the launch team to make sure all the criteria are met and that the payload and rocket are ready to go.



Chuck Dovale, NASA Launch Director

The launch director ensures that the countdown and launch decision processes are properly followed.



Chuck Tatro, Mission Manager

The mission manager serves as the primary interface between the spacecraft and the launch vehicle.



Craig Tooley, Spacecraft Mission Manager

The spacecraft mission manager provides the overall assessment of the spacecraft and its readiness to launch.



David Sollberger, NASA Chief Engineer The chief engineer is responsible for advising the launch manager of the launch vehicle's engineering and analysis status for launch.



Bert Garrido, Safety and Mission Assurance Director



The safety director is responsible for spacecraft and launch vehicle overall safety, quality and assessment of the launch countdown.



Joe Lackovich, NASA Advisory Manager

The advisory manager provides consultation for assessing the launch process and countdown.

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