Shuttle Program's Last External Tank Transported to VAB

The move from KSC's Assembly Refurbishment Facility (ARF) to the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) of the Space Shuttle Program's final solid rocket booster structural assembly -- the right-hand forward -- was postponed today because of weather.

Before the move was to occur, United Space Alliance workers celebrated the milestone with astronauts Chris Hadfield and Greg Johnson, and Center Director Bob Cabana.

For up-to-date processing milestones, visit http://www.nasa.gov/shuttle.

The Space Shuttle Program's final external fuel tank, ET-122, moves from the turn basin to the VAB.

Before the weather took a bad turn this morning, the last external tank for the Space Shuttle Program was moved from the turn basin to the VAB. The tank arrived at KSC aboard the Pegasus barge yesterday afternoon, completing a 900-mile sea journey from NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans.

The tank, which is the largest element of the space shuttle stack, was damaged during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and restored to flight configuration by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company employees.

Currently, the plan is to process ET-122 for space shuttle Endeavour's STS-134 mission to the International Space Station targeted to launch in February 2011.

For more photos of today's move, visit KSC's Media Gallery later today.