

Northrop Grumman Begins Building New Missile Integration Facility



The Navy's Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile-Extended Range (AARGM-ER) completes its first live fire event July 19 off the coast of Point Mugu Sea Test Range in California. *U.S. NAVY*

ROCKET CITY, W.Va. – Northrop Grumman Corporation announced July 6 the construction of a new 113,000 square foot facility in West Virginia that will increase the company's capacity within the defense industrial base to ensure delivery of current and future weapons to meet warfighter needs.

"Our new missile integration facility is a factory of the future, designed to affordably produce high quantities of missiles to meet increasing customer demand," said Mary Petryszyn, corporate vice president and president of Northrop Grumman Defense Systems. "Northrop Grumman's investments in manufacturing capacity, digital processes and emerging technologies translates into the rapid deployment of capability into the field."

Once completed in 2024, the missile integration facility will have the capacity to support production of up to 600 strike missiles per year. The facility's production operations will commence with the second lot of the Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile – Extended Range low-rate initial production. Unlike traditional missile integration facilities, Northrop Grumman's facility is not limited to producing one type of missile but is easily modified to manage the integration of current and new missile programs.

Northrop Grumman will incorporate the latest in digital manufacturing including automation and the use of smart

manufacturing equipment and modular work cells. These manufacturing approaches will allow the company to optimize quality, reduce costs, and maximize production capacity and production times to deliver missiles to the warfighter quickly.

The facility is expected to include expanded manufacturing workforce skillsets, adding engineering and manufacturing jobs to the area, reinforcing Northrop Grumman's leadership as one of West Virginia's largest manufacturing employers.