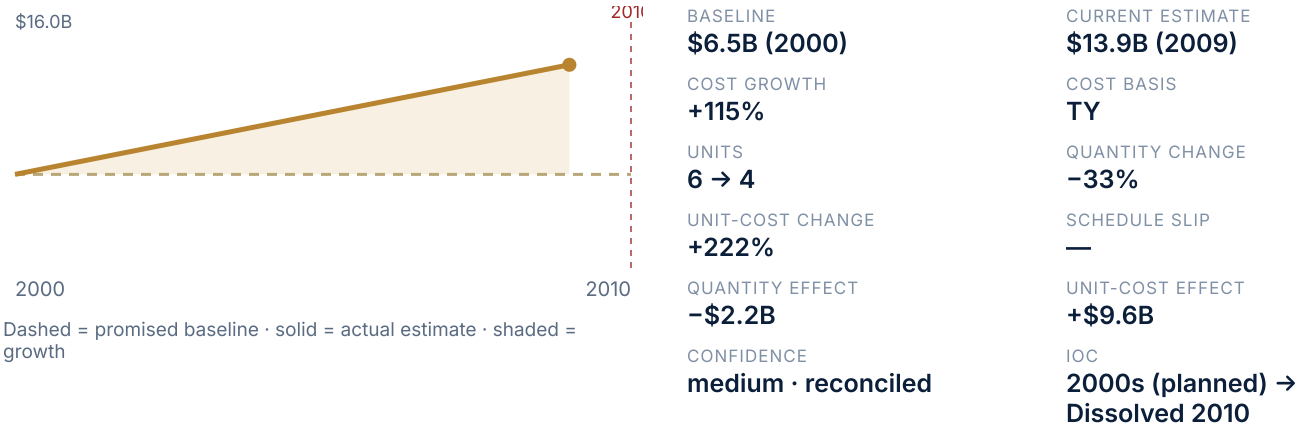


NPOESS Weather Satellites

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+115% \$6.5B (2000) → \$13.9B (2009)



ASSESSMENT

A tri-agency (DoD/NOAA/NASA) program that roughly doubled (\$6.5B → \$13.95B life-cycle) and breached Nunn-McCurdy before being DISSOLVED in 2010 — split into JPSS + DWSS, which inherited the mission (not a clean kill). Satellites cut 6 → 4.

DOCUMENTED EVENTS

2010 Dissolved → JPSS/DWSS

SOURCE

GAO-09-772T (confirmed): "costs have grown to \$13.95B" — life-cycle, 4 satellites through 2026; GAO-10-558 later ~\$15B. Nunn-McCurdy breach 2005-06.