

The Air Force Invites Public Comment on the Proposed Pilot Training Center and Basing of F-35A Training Aircraft EIS



In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the U.S. Air Force has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess potential environmental impacts of its proposal to establish a Pilot Training Center with F-35A training aircraft at one or more existing Air Force or Air National Guard installations within the continental United States. Potential locations include:

- Boise Air Terminal Airport Air Guard Station (Gowen Field), Idaho
- Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
- Luke Air Force Base, Arizona
- Tucson International Airport Air Guard Station, Arizona

- Visit the project website at www.F-35ATrainingEIS.com to learn more or download a copy of the Draft EIS.
- Visit the Copper Queen, Safford City-Graham County, San Carlos, Sierra Vista and Valencia public libraries to view a paper copy of the Draft EIS.

- Submit written comments to:
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Comments may also be submitted in person at the upcoming public hearings to be held in your area in February 2012. Information on meeting dates will follow or visit www.F-35ATrainingEIS.com.



All comments on the Draft EIS must be postmarked or received by March 14, 2012, for consideration in the Final EIS.

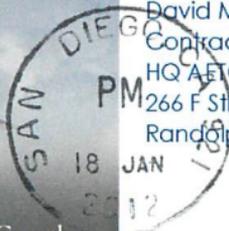


Proposed Action:

To establish a Pilot Training Center with F-35A training aircraft at one or more existing Air Force or Air National Guard installations within the continental United States.

The purpose of the proposal is to train pilots and personnel to safely and effectively operate F-35A aircraft. The F-35A is absolutely essential to the nation's security strategy. It is the newest and most advanced fifth-generation fighter and needed to deter and defeat 21st century threats. The basing of the F-35A Pilot Training Center and training aircraft is needed to support formal training requirements associated with the F-35A, which would replace or supplement the existing F-16 aircraft at Tucson International Airport.

The Air Force welcomes your comments. For more information, visit www.F-35ATrainingEIS.com or contact Maj Gabe Johnson, 162nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Officer, Tucson International Airport Air Guard Station at 520-295-6192.



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