



Fifth Generation Formal Training Unit Optimization

Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and this Environmental Impact Statement

NEPA is our national mandate for making informed decisions while considering environmental consequences of those decisions.

Consideration of environmental consequences in federal agency planning and decision making is required by the NEPA. Where there are possible significant environmental impacts to the environment, the preparation of an EIS is required as part of the planning process before final decisions are made.

This EIS addresses two proposed aircraft beddown actions:

- the beddown of an F-22 Formal Training Unit (FTU) mission at Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE-Langley), Virginia
- the beddown of a second F-35A FTU squadron at Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida

This EIS:

- explains the **Purpose and Need** for the beddown of the F-22 FTU mission at JBLE-Langley and the beddown of the F-35A squadron at Eglin AFB.
- describes the **Proposed Action Alternatives** and the **No Action Alternative**.
- incorporates **public and agency scoping comments**.
- describes the **baseline or existing conditions**.
- evaluates the potential **environmental consequences**.
- identifies **mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, or reduce environmental impacts** where feasible.

Public Review of Draft EIS and Comment Period

The Draft EIS public review and comment period began with publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on October 16, 2020. The Air Force also announced the availability of the Draft EIS via the internet, newspapers, press releases, and direct mailings to the project mailing list.

During this time, the Air Force requests comments from the public on the content of the Draft EIS, especially its methods and analysis of the Proposed Actions and alternatives. After the public comment period closes on November 30, 2020, the Air Force will analyze all comments submitted, conduct further analysis as necessary, and prepare the Final EIS.

EIS TIMELINE

- Opportunities for public involvement
- Where we are now.

