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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Commanding General

SUBJ: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR BASING OF
THE MARINE CORPS F-35B JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER ON THE WEST
COAST

1. The Department of the Navy has prepared a Draft EIS for the Basing of the Marine Corps F-35B Joint Strike Fighter on the West Coast. The EIS addresses the potential environmental consequences that may result from the basing and operation of up to 184 F-35B aircraft in 11 operational squadrons and 1 Operational Test and Evaluation squadron at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar in California and MCAS Yuma in Arizona. The F-35B would replace the aging AV-8B and F/A-18 aircraft at these air stations.

2. Enclosed with this letter is a CD with the Draft EIS files saved in PDF format. In order to view these files, you will need Adobe Reader. If you do not already have this software, you can download it for free at <http://www.adobe.com>. The files saved on the CD can either be viewed on your computer screen or printed. The CD provides bookmarks for each numbered chapter (1 through 11).

The Draft EIS is also available online at www.usmcJSFwest.com. If you would like to view a full printed version of the EIS, it is available at the following libraries:

Library	Address				Phone
San Diego County Public Library Fallbrook Branch	124 S. Mission Road	Fallbrook	CA	92028	760-728-2373
San Diego Public Library Mira Mesa Branch	8405 New Salem Street	San Diego	CA	92126	858-538-8165
Scripps-Miramar Ranch Library Miramar	10301 Scripps Lake Drive	San Diego	CA	92131	858-538-8158
Yuma County Library Heritage Branch (Main Library)	350 Third Avenue	Yuma	AZ	85364	928-782-1871

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3. The Department of the Navy is holding two open house public comment meetings. Community input from the public comment meetings will be considered and addressed in the Final EIS. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

15 June, 2010

5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Scripps-Miramar Ranch Library
10301 Scripps Lake Drive,
San Diego, California

17 June, 2010

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Gila Vista Junior High School
2245 S. Arizona Avenue,
Yuma, Arizona

4. If you cannot attend a meeting, or if you want more information, please visit the project website at www.usmcJSFwest.com or contact the JSF West EIS Project Manager at (619)532-4742. Please submit all comments by July 6, 2010 to ensure their consideration in the Final EIS. Please submit your comments at the public meetings, on the website, or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92132-5190, Attn: JSF West EIS Project Manager.



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