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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding General

Subj: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE WEST COAST
BASING OF THE F-35B JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT

1. The Department of the Navy has prepared a Final EIS for the proposed basing of the F-35B Joint Strike Fighter in the Western United States. The F-35B would replace the aging legacy AV-8 and F/A-18 aircraft currently based at MCAS Miramar, California and MCAS Yuma, Arizona. The EIS addresses the potential environmental consequences that may result from basing and operating F-35B aircraft on the West Coast and considers a total of five split-basing alternatives representing a range of options, as well as the No-Action Alternative.
2. Enclosed with this letter is a compact disc (CD) with the Final 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. To access these files:
 - a. Insert the CD into your computer's CD drive. The CD includes two files named "Volume I" and "Volume II."
 - b. The Volume I file contains Chapters 1 through 12 of the EIS. The Volume II file contains Appendices A through J. Double-click either file to open it. To navigate to the various sections of the document, click on the headings in the bookmarks window to the left of your screen.
3. The Final EIS is also available online at <http://www.usmcjsfwest.com>. Comments on the Final EIS can be submitted in writing to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attn: JSF West EIS Project Manager, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92132-5190. For more information, please visit the project website at <http://www.usmcjsfwest.com>. All comments must be submitted by November 15, 2010.

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