

**Draft EIS for the Basing of the
Marine Corps Joint Strike Fighter
F-35B on the West Coast
Available for Public Comment
May 21 – July 6, 2010**



The Department of the Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the basing of the Marine Corps F-35B Joint Strike Fighter on the West Coast.

The F-35B would replace the aging 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.

The U.S. Marine Corps Wants Your Input!

With the filing of the Draft EIS, the Marine Corps will be holding public meetings that will follow an open house format with Department of the Navy representatives available at different informational displays to describe the environmental analysis process, mission, purpose, need, and proposed action, alternatives and impacts, and the NEPA process. There will be no formal presentations; but opportunities to comment will be available at the meetings.

OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS

San Diego, CA

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library
10301 Scripps Lake Dr

Yuma, AZ

Thursday, June 17, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Gila Vista Junior High School
2245 S. Arizona Avenue

If you are unable to attend the meetings, please visit our website for information regarding the proposal at: www.usmcJSFwest.com.

The public comment period for the Draft EIS begins on May 21, 2010 and comments will be accepted through July 6, 2010. Please submit your comments at the public meetings, on the website, or by mail to:

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