



# Press Release

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## NAVY EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The U.S. Navy has extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects that may result from home basing the Navy F-35C (Joint Strike Fighter) at either Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro, Calif., or Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, Calif. In response to public and elected official requests, and in order to ensure everyone in the community has ample opportunity to provide input into this document, the Navy has extended the public comment period until Tuesday, May 7. The original deadline for public comment was April 22.

Public input is very important in order for the Navy to fully understand community concerns and relevant issues. Individuals interested in the project are encouraged to provide their comments on the document. Following public comment on the Draft EIS and the publication of the Final EIS, the Secretary of the Navy or his designee will publish a Record of Decision outlining the basing decision.

The Draft EIS and Draft General Air Conformity Determination have been made available for review and comment. Electronic copies of these documents can be accessed on the project website ([www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com](http://www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com)). In addition, paper copies have been distributed to the following libraries:

City of El Centro Public Library  
1140 North Imperial Avenue  
El Centro, Calif.

Imperial County Free Library, Heber Branch  
1078 Dogwood Road  
Heber, Calif.

Kings County Library, Lemoore Branch  
457 "C" Street  
Lemoore, Calif.

West Hills College Lemoore Library  
555 College Avenue  
Lemoore, Calif.

Kings County Library,  
Hanford Branch (Main)  
401 N. Douty Street  
Hanford, Calif.

Imperial County Free Library,  
Holtville Branch  
101 East 6th Street  
Holtville, CA 92250-0755

Fresno County Public Library,  
Riverdale Branch Library

City of Imperial Public Library  
200 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street

20975 Malsbary Avenue  
Riverdale, Calif.

Imperial, Calif.

Imperial County Free Library,  
Seeley Library Services provided at  
Community Church  
1774 West Rio Vista Street  
Seeley, Calif.

Fresno County Public Library, Central Library  
2420 Mariposa Avenue  
Fresno, Calif.

Written comments may be submitted online using the project website  
([www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com](http://www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com)). or mailed to:

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