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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Air Force's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the F-35A Training Basing (CEQ No. 20120012).

The Air Force proposes to establish a Pilot Training Center for the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter aircraft at one or more existing Air Force or Air National Guard installations within the continental United States. The Air Force identified Luke Air Force Base with 72 F-35A training aircraft as its Preferred Alternative.

EPA believes that the draft EIS provides an adequate discussion of the potential environmental impacts and we have not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes. EPA has rated the draft EIS as LO – "Lack of Objections." A summary of EPA's rating is attached.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the draft EIS and look forward to reviewing the final EIS related to this project. The staff contact for the review is Candi Schaedle and she can be reached at (202) 564-6121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan E. Bromm".

Susan E. Bromm
Director
Office of Federal Activities

Attachment: EPA National Rating System