



## Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposed Activity Near Wetlands

### To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Department of the Air Force (DAF) proposes to establish a permanent Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Pilot Training Center (PTC) at Ebbing Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Arkansas. The Proposed Action would involve consolidation of F-35 FMS training activities and Republic of Singapore (RSAF) F-16 aircraft operations at a single location, construction of new infrastructure or renovation of existing infrastructure to support FMS training and RSAF operations, and the integration of up to 24 FMS F-35 aircraft and 12 RSAF F-16 aircraft relocated from Luke Air Force Base (AFB), Arizona. A reasonable alternative to the Proposed Action under consideration is the beddown of the FMS PTC at Selfridge ANGB, Michigan (Alternative 1).

The Proposed Action would require construction of new facilities in the vicinity of known wetlands and within the 100-year floodplain. The Proposed Action will avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands and floodplains. This notice is required by Section 2(b) of Executive Order (EO) 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and by Section 2(a)(4) of EO 11988, Floodplain Management, and has been prepared and made available to the public by the DAF in accordance with Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 989.24(c) and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7064, Integrated Natural Resources Management, for actions proposed in wetlands and floodplains.

Construction at Ebbing ANGB includes the construction of a barrier arresting system on Runway 8/26. The barrier arresting system would include a series of access roads that would extend more than 500 feet north and south of the runway's edge. Based on a review of aerial photography and the presence of wetlands in the vicinity of the runway at other locations, it is possible that these roads will be constructed within wetlands.

Construction at Selfridge ANGB includes construction on existing impervious surfaces or on developed areas that are located within the 100-year floodplain of Lake Saint Clair. The construction of new sunshades, with a footprint of 75,000 square feet, would occur on the existing surface of the East Ramp and the construction of a flight simulator facility, with a footprint of up to 50,000 square feet, would occur on previously developed land adjacent to the runway.

The DAF is seeking advance public comment on the proposed project to determine if there are any public concerns regarding the project's potential impacts and is soliciting public input or comments on potential project alternatives. The DAF requests that comments in response to this notice be submitted within 15 days of the publication of this notice. The full EIS will also be available for public review in the summer of 2022. Additional information can be found on the project website at [www.FMSPTCEIS.com](http://www.FMSPTCEIS.com). The project website can also be used to submit comments.

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