

BACC: Encourages community engagement in the EIS process

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MADISON - The United States Air Force has posted the Draft of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown on its website <http://www.angf35eis.com> and will be hosting an Open House and public meeting on September 12th at the Alliant Energy Center. In an effort to ensure there is robust community engagement in this process and that the most impacted community members are aware of the process taking place, can engage in the process and make sure their voices are heard, the Badger Air Community Council (BACC) has sent a mailing to over 7,500 households in the areas surrounding the airport. A copy of the mailer is attached.

Executive Director of the BACC, and former pilot at the 115th Fighter Wing, Chris "Desi" Arenz released the following statement:

"The purpose of the EIS is to identify the maximum potential for changes in impact because of the new mission. As these potential impacts are identified, work can begin between the Fighter Wing, our federal, state and local government partners and the community in addressing and mitigating those impacts, particularly as it relates to those residents near the airport who were identified in the Draft EIS as continuing to be most affected by airport operations.

We want to make sure everyone is engaged in the process and that their voices are

heard, so we can move forward together, collaboratively, and continue to build on the rich 71-year history of the 115th Fighter Wing being an active and outstanding community partner.”

We encourage all members of the public to stay engaged in the EIS process by visiting www.angf35eis.com and attending the Open House and public meeting on September 12th at the Alliant Energy Center.

September 12, 2019

Open House - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Formal Presentation - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center

1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713

For additional information please visit the Together Truax website www.togethertruax.com to learn more about the community support for the mission. To learn more about the Badger Air Community Council please visit www.badgerair.org.

About the BACC:

The Badger Air Community Council (BACC) was formed in 2012 by former members of the 115th Fighter Wing and business and civic leaders, to act as a liaison organization between the community and the Fighter Wing. The BACC supports the mission of the 115th Fighter Wing by educating the public on the economic and social benefits of having the unit based in Madison while highlighting the contributions made by the more than 1,200 Airmen who serve there.