



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

**The Department of the Air Force invites you to comment on the
Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed T-7A
Recapitalization at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas**

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Air Force (Air Force) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public comment that analyzes the potential environmental consequences associated with recapitalization of the T-38C "Talon" flight training program at Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB) with T-7A "Red Hawk" aircraft. Recapitalization would entail introduction of T-7A aircraft and flight operations at Sheppard AFB and associated special use airspace to replace all T-38C aircraft assigned to the installation; changes to the number of personnel and dependents in the Sheppard AFB region; and construction and upgrade of operations, support, and maintenance facilities.

The Air Force's Proposed Action is to replace all currently operating T-38C aircraft at Sheppard AFB with up to 131 T-7A aircraft. Varying numbers of aircraft and levels of aircraft operations are reasonable alternatives. Along with the No Action Alternative, three action alternatives are evaluated in the Draft EIS.

OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE DRAFT EIS. The Draft EIS can be downloaded from <https://sheppard.T-7ANEPADocuments.com>. A paper copy is on reserve at the **Wichita Falls Public Library** at 600 11th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT. The Air Force requests comments from interested local, state, and federal agencies; federally recognized tribes; and interested members of the public. Written comments can be submitted at <https://sheppard.T-7ANEPADocuments.com>, by email to chinling.chen@us.af.mil, or via postal mail at the address below. For further information, please contact:

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To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in preparation of the Final EIS, please submit comments by February 2, 2026.