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## **El Mirage officials seek info on new F-35 jet as Luke AFB bids for pilot training program**

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Officials of the Phoenix suburb of El Mirage have concerns about noise levels of the new F-35 jet fighter, and they are requesting information on the aircraft from neighboring communities in the West Valley.

The F-35 is the next-generation U.S.-made fighter jet, set to replace the F-16 in military use. Some of the training operations could be located at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale.

The El Mirage records request asks Glendale and other West Valley cities for information and documentation they might have on the F-35, which is being manufactured by Lockheed Martin for the Pentagon.

Glendale officials responded by making a similar request of El Mirage.

Luke AFB currently houses a training program for the F-16, which is being phased out. Glendale and Luke's political and business boosters want the base to be awarded F-35 training, worrying that it might close unless that happens.

El Mirage officials have concerns about noise and want more information on that potential impact and differences between the F-35 and F-16.