

T-7A Recapitalization at Vance AFB

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- U.S. Department of the Air Force (DAF) proposes to recapitalize the T-38C Talon flight training program at Vance Air Force Base (AFB) with T-7A Red Hawk aircraft.
- The T-38C is expected to reach the end of its service life within the next decade.
- Training with the T-38C does not adequately prepare pilots for the technological advancements of modern fourth and fifth generation aircraft.
- The Secretary of the Air Force has made strategic basing decisions to recapitalize existing T-38C pilot training installations with Vance AFB as the fourth of five installations to be selected.



Photo Credit: Boeing T-7A Red Hawk Website, September 2021, <https://www.boeing.com/defense/t-7a/#/gallery>

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR T-7A RECAPITALIZATION AT VANCE AFB:

Purpose

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to continue the T-7A recapitalization program to prepare pilots to operate modern fourth and fifth generation aircraft.

Need

The need for the Proposed Action is to provide infrastructure and training systems to support the newer T-7A aircraft, allow for enhanced and improved flight and simulator training, and ensure DAF pilot training requirements are met.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

T-7A RECAPITALIZATION AT VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

