

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conducted by the **U.S. Air Force**, on the planned F-35 basing in Vermont states that:

Our area would be negatively affected in the following categories:

**Noise, Safety, Climate Change, Air Quality, Socioeconomics, Land Use, Transportation, Environmental Justice, and the Protection of Children.**

## Vote YES on ballot item #6!

To request cancellation of the planned basing of the F-35 at Burlington International Airport, *AND...* request instead low-noise-level equipment with a proven high safety record appropriate for a densely populated area

### Here's why:

- The Vermont Air National Guard **doesn't need the F35** to continue its flying mission
- The F-35 will harm us, especially **children and the elderly**
- F35 noise **cannot be mitigated**, blocked or stopped
- F35 is a very **dangerous** aircraft
- F35 **does not bring any jobs** or help our economy
- It's **not too late** to stop the basing
- We have lots of options. **There are better choices** for Burlington!



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## What Every Vermonter Should Know about the Decision to Base the F-35s in Chittenden County.

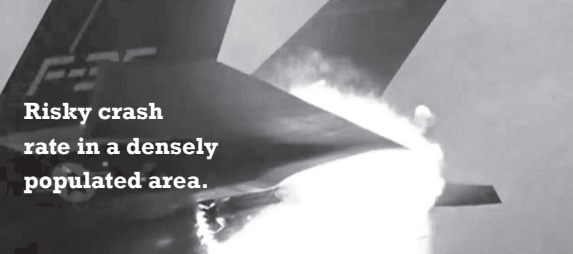
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Harmful to health, especially for infants.



Loss of affordable homes and decreased property values.



Risky crash rate in a densely populated area.

# 10 FACTS

## from the U.S. Air Force (USAF) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

### 1) Noise Level

The F-35 is **more than four times** louder than the F-16.

### 2) Residential Impact

The F-35 will put 2944 homes, 6675 people, five schools, and six churches in a zone “**generally not suitable for residential use,**” including  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the housing units in the City of Winooski.

### 3) Property Values

F-35 noise may cause homes to **lose between 11% and 42% of their value.**

### 4) Crash Risk

The F35 crash risk will be **11 times higher** than the current F-16.

### 5) Home Loans

**Federal loans are not assured** for homes in the noise zone. Homeowners may be required to disclose that their homes are “not suitable for residential use” to potential buyers.

### 6) Other Basing Areas

Burlington is the only base that has such dramatic **negative noise impacts** from the F-35s.

### 7) Children

The F-35 will expose schoolchildren to **dangerous noise levels** which can damage their health and learning abilities.

### 8) Affected Communities

The F-35 “disproportionately” impacts our **low-income and minority communities.**

### 9) Economy

The F-35 will have a **detrimental effect** on the local communities: reduced property values, reduced tax income, increased environmental cleanup costs, increased noise mitigation costs, and more.

### 10) Jobs:

**The F-35 brings no new jobs to the area,** but might result in the loss of VT Air National Guard (VTANG) jobs. The EIS also states that “If there is no F-35 operational beddown at Burlington AGS, the current mission would continue.”

## Other Important Issues:

- **False information** was used to select Burlington as the best location for the F-35s.
- Senator Leahy **pressured the USAF to select Vermont** for the F-35 basing for **political reasons.**
- The South Burlington City Council, South Burlington School Board, South Burlington Planning Commission, Winooski City Council, Winooski School Board, and Winooski Environmental Committee **all voted to oppose** the F-35 basing.
- The USAF classifies the F-35 as a “**high-risk**” category warplane and **one of the most dangerous** aircraft in its inventory because of the amount of toxic materials in its fuselage and its lethal chemical stealth coating.
- An F-35 crash will produce toxic smoke, fumes and particles **which can kill people** in the vicinity of the crash.
- The F-35 program is the **most expensive** weapons systems in history, costing more than \$1.5 trillion over its lifetime.
- The USAF has guaranteed that the Vermont Air Guard **will NOT lose its flying mission** if the F-35s do not come to Vermont.
- Neither the USAF, nor VTANG, nor the Burlington Airport will compensate homeowners for the **loss of home values** from the F-35s.
- Neither the USAF, nor VTANG, nor the Burlington Airport will mitigate the noise of the F-35.
- The FAA states that there is **no way to mitigate the noise** of the F-35.