TY1 TYNDALL AFB OVERVIEW

This section presents the Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) specific operational and environmental factors. Chapter 2 describes the overall project elements associated with beddown of the Initial F-22 Operational Wing.

Section TY2 describes the specific construction that would be required at Tyndall AFB if the base were selected for initial Operational Wing beddown.

Tyndall AFB does not have combat-coded F-15C aircraft, so the Initial F-22 Operational Wing would represent a net increase of three squadrons to the base. Tyndall AFB has some facilities for its F-22 advanced fighter pilot training squadron that could also be used for the F-22 operational squadron, and this could result in some efficiencies. However, the majority of the facilities for the F-22 pilot training aircraft will be fully committed to those aircraft. Construction and operation of three additional squadrons of F-22 aircraft at Tyndall AFB have the potential for environmental consequences.

The environmental resources at Tyndall AFB and its environs, as well as its airspace that is shared with Eglin AFB, have the potential to be affected by the Initial F-22 Operational Wing beddown. These resources and the potential consequences are discussed in section TY3. Section TY4 describes the cumulative actions and consequences and the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources that would be associated with a beddown at Tyndall AFB. Section TY5 presents management actions designed to reduce the potential for environmental consequences. Figure TY1.0-1 locates Tyndall AFB and surrounding communities.

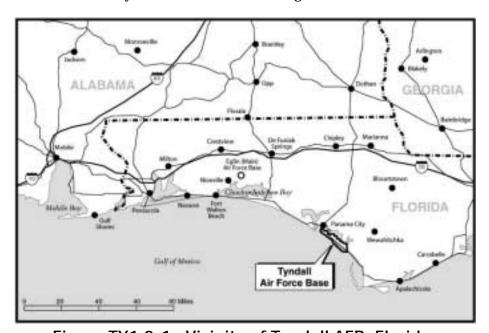


Figure TY1.0-1. Vicinity of Tyndall AFB, Florida



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