

**Direction Center Facility. FAC: 1402**

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1.1. **Description.** Facility that houses command and control elements for the Joint Surveillance System (JSS). The JSS provides for air sovereignty and air defense of North America. An Air Defense Direction Center (ADDC) was a type of United States command post for assessing Cold War radar tracks, assigning height requests to available height-finder radars, and for "Weapons Direction": coordinating command guidance of aircraft from more than 1 site for ground-controlled interception ("weapons assignment"). As with the World War II Aircraft Warning Service CONUS defense network, a "manual air defense system" was used through the 1950s (e.g., NORAD/ADC used a "Plexiglas plotting board" at the Ent command center.) Along with 182 radar stations at "the end of 1957, ADC operated ... 17 control centers", and the Ground Observation Corps was TBD on TBD. With the formation of NORAD, several types of ADDCs were planned by Air Defense Command.

1.2. A defined facility standard is not currently available for this CATCODE. By default, all requirements are user justified until a standard is established or adopted.