

Aircraft Control and Warning Operations Dewline. FAC: 1402

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1.1. **Description.** This category code identifies those systems that make up atmospheric assessments supporting the tactical warning system for North America.

1.1.1. The **Distant Early Warning Line**, also known as the **DEW Line** or **Early Warning Line**, was a system of radar stations in the far northern Arctic region of Canada, with additional stations along the North Coast and Aleutian Islands of Alaska, in addition to the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Iceland. It was set up to detect incoming Soviet bombers during the Cold War, and provide early warning of any sea-and-land invasion.

1.1.2. The DEW Line was operational from 1957 to the late 1980s and it was the northernmost and most capable of three radar lines in Canada and Alaska; the joint Canadian-US Pine Tree Line ran from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, and the Mid-Canada Line ran somewhat north of this.

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.