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Mission Directive

**USAF NUCLEAR COMMAND,
CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS
(NC3) CENTER**

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This mission directive defines the mission, the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the USAF NC3 Center. It implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 38-1, *Manpower and Organization*, and is consistent with AFPD 13-5, *Air Force Nuclear Mission*, and PAD 16-01, *Centralized Management of the Nuclear Enterprise*. It is applicable to USAF NC3. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with (IAW) Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of IAW the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command.

1. Mission. The USAF NC3 Center is responsible for ensuring that national leadership has a survivable, secure, and resilient communications path for issuing nuclear orders to the warfighter. The USAF NC3 Center provides oversight of the organize, train, and equip (OT&E) functions for the overall AF NC3 system; focal point for support to all AF elements of the NC3 system; and AF NC3 Weapon System operational, sustainment, logistics, planning, and programming support.

2. Command.

2.1. The USAF NC3 Center is the AFGSC-supported center with Direct Liaison Authority to the Services, CCMDs, MAJCOMs, and DoD agencies enabling the OT&E mission.

2.2. It is responsible for lead command management of Air Force owned portions of the AF National Leadership Command Capability (NLCC) (except Senior Leader Command, Control, and Communications System) and AF NC3 systems.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. The Commander, USAF NC3 Center shall:

3.1.1. Provide oversight and maintain responsibility for overseeing the OT&E of the AF NC3 mission and the AF NC3 Weapon System.

3.1.2. Serve as the focal point for all AF-owned national-level NC3 systems and coordinate with DoD agencies, other Services, CCMDs, MAJCOMs, and program offices that maintain NLCC and AF NC3 systems.

3.1.3. Lead the sustainment of existing systems and facilitate acquisitions of new and improved AF NC3 systems through the planning, programming, budgeting and execution process.

3.1.4. Collaborate with the AF Nuclear Weapons Center regarding AF NC3 Weapon System matters, ensuring a cross-flow of information and the health of the AF NC3 Weapon System.

3.1.5. Executes the AF NLCC/NC3 Oversight Group/Board/Council processes to ensure information regarding the AF NC3 Weapon System is presented at the appropriate level of command.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFPD 13-5, *Air Force Nuclear Mission*, 17 July 2018

AFPD 38-1, *Manpower and Organization*, 2 July 2019

PAD 16-01, *Centralized Management of the Nuclear Enterprise*, 2 Aug 2016

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

CCMD—Combatant Command

DOD—Department of Defense

MAJCOM—Major Command

NC3—Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications

NLCC/NC3—National Leadership Command Capability / Nuclear Command Control & Communications

OT&E—Organize, Train, and Equip

USAF NC3 Center—United States Nuclear, Command, Control, and Communications Center