

# Air Traffic Flow Management

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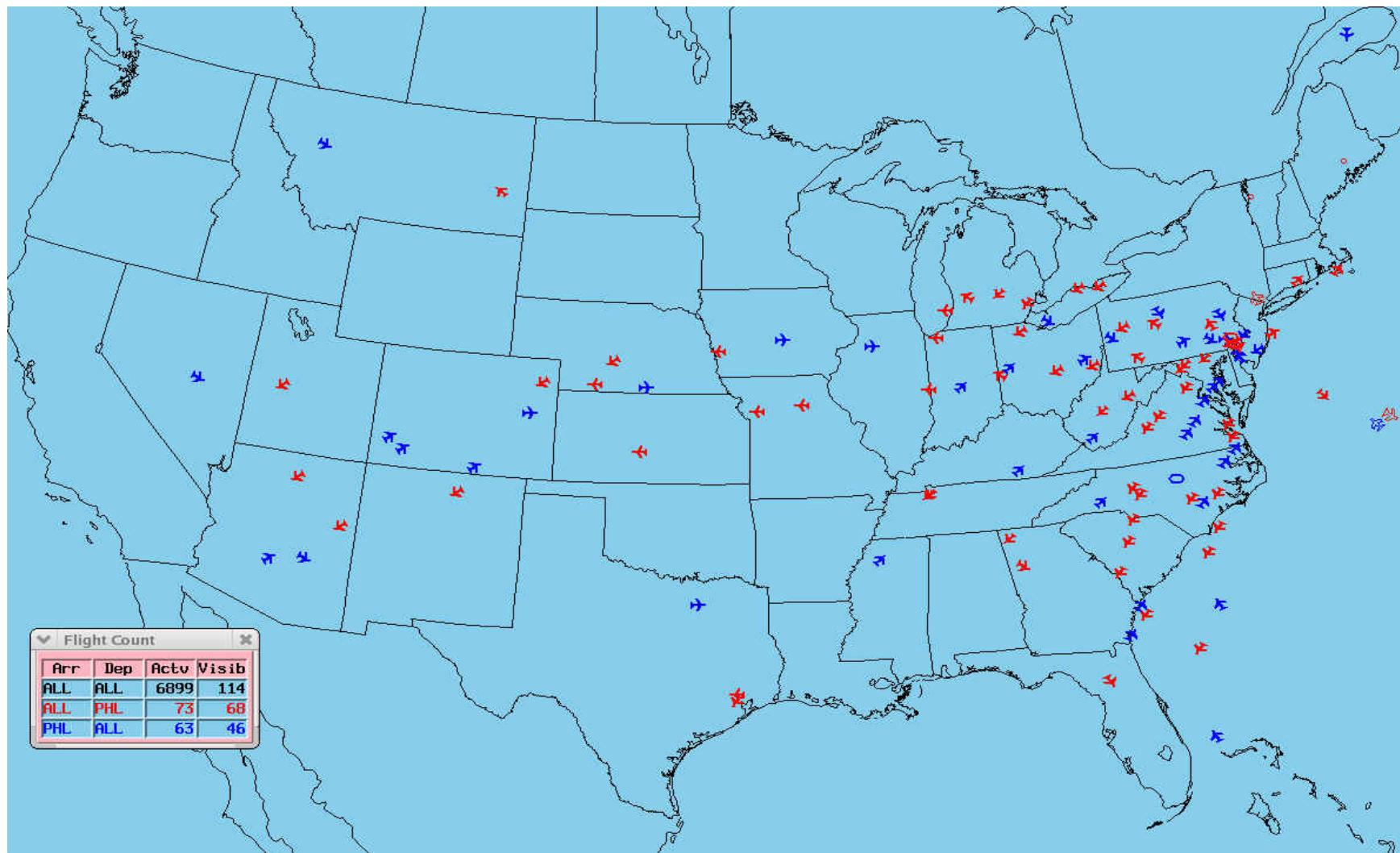


# Briefing Overview

- **Why use ATFM?**
  - Benefits derived from Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) and the Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) process.
- **Who is involved?**
  - Air Traffic Organization
  - Customer
    - Civil
    - Military
- **How is ATFM applied?**
  - Planning and coordination
  - Automated tools and procedures

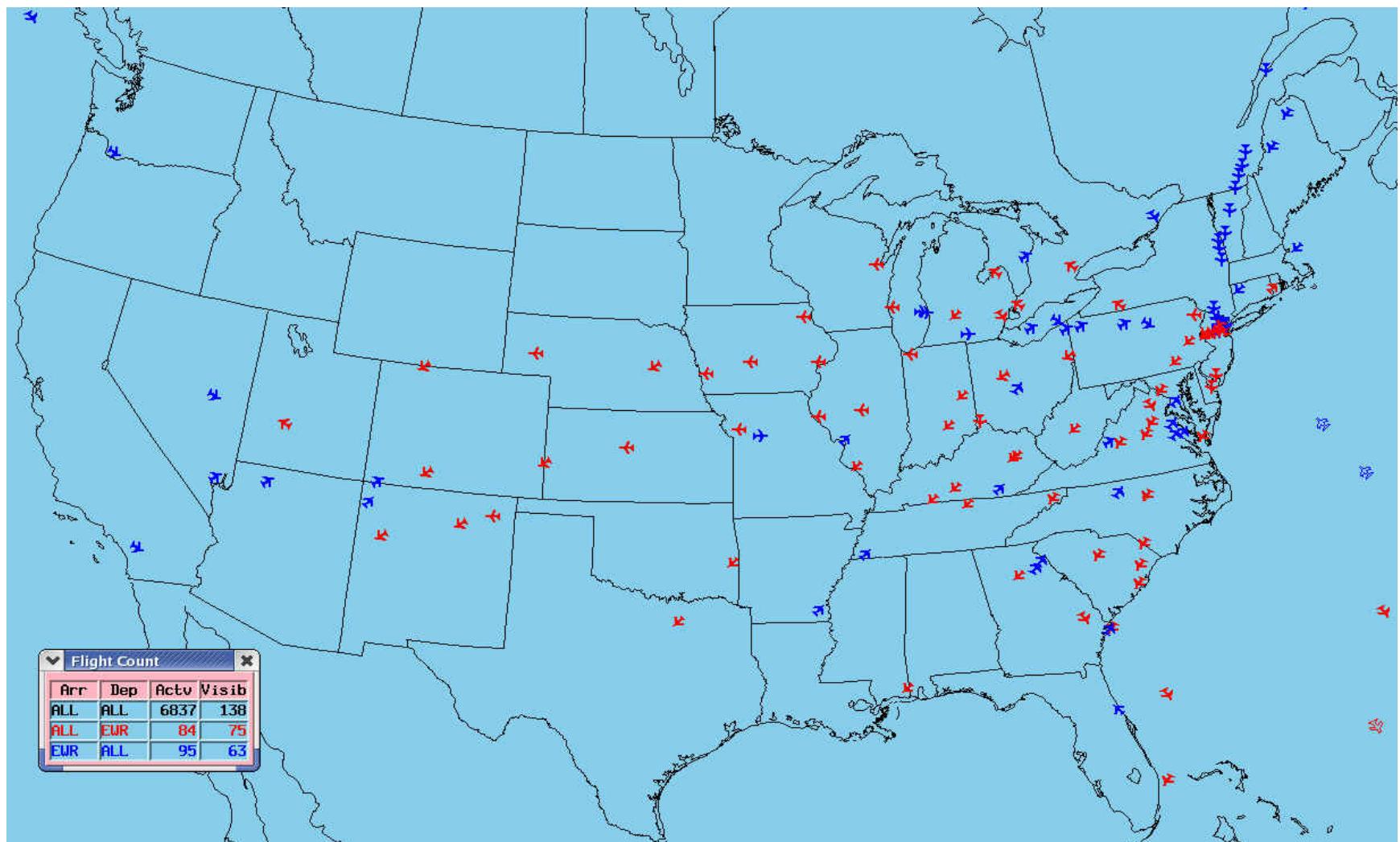


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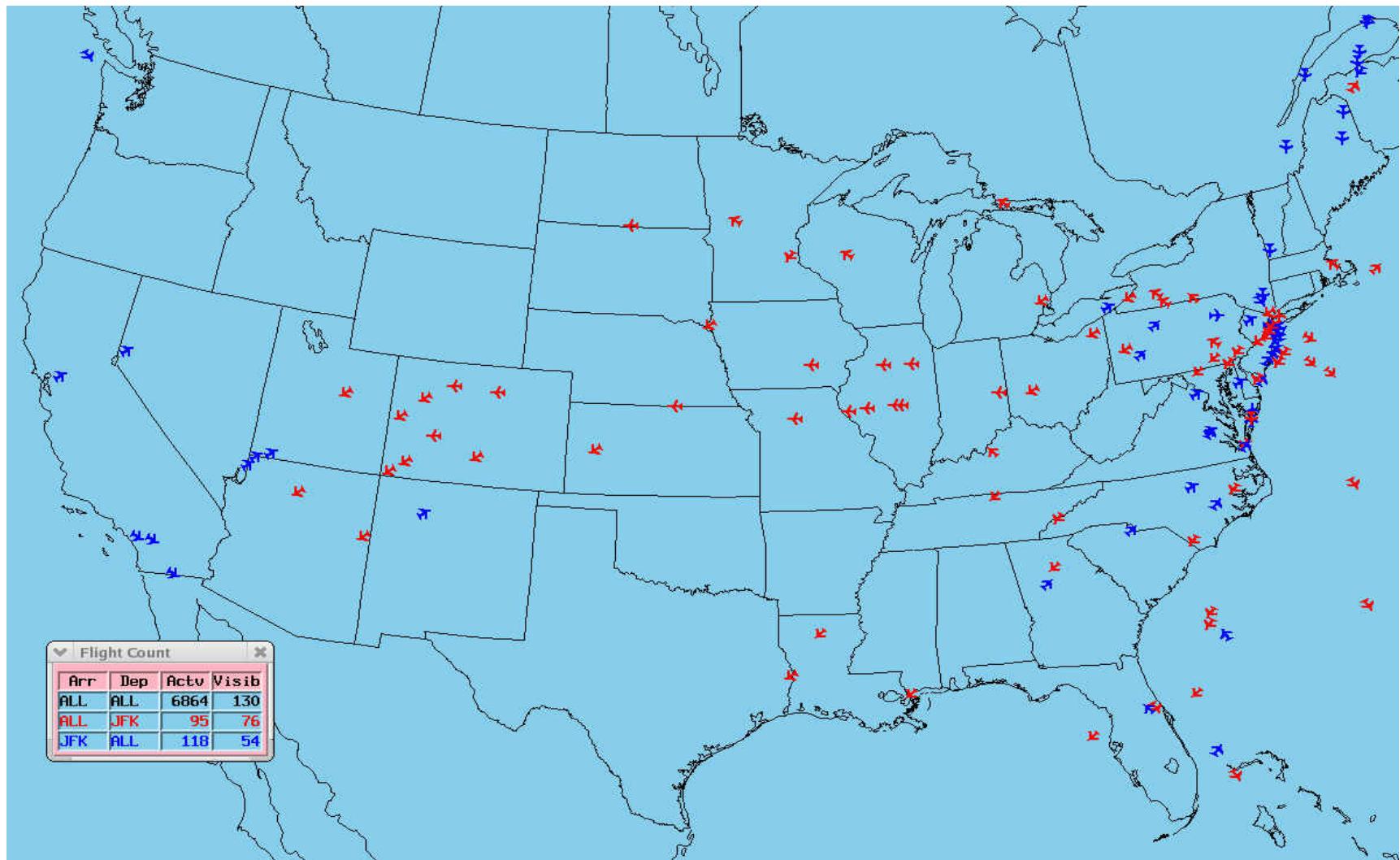
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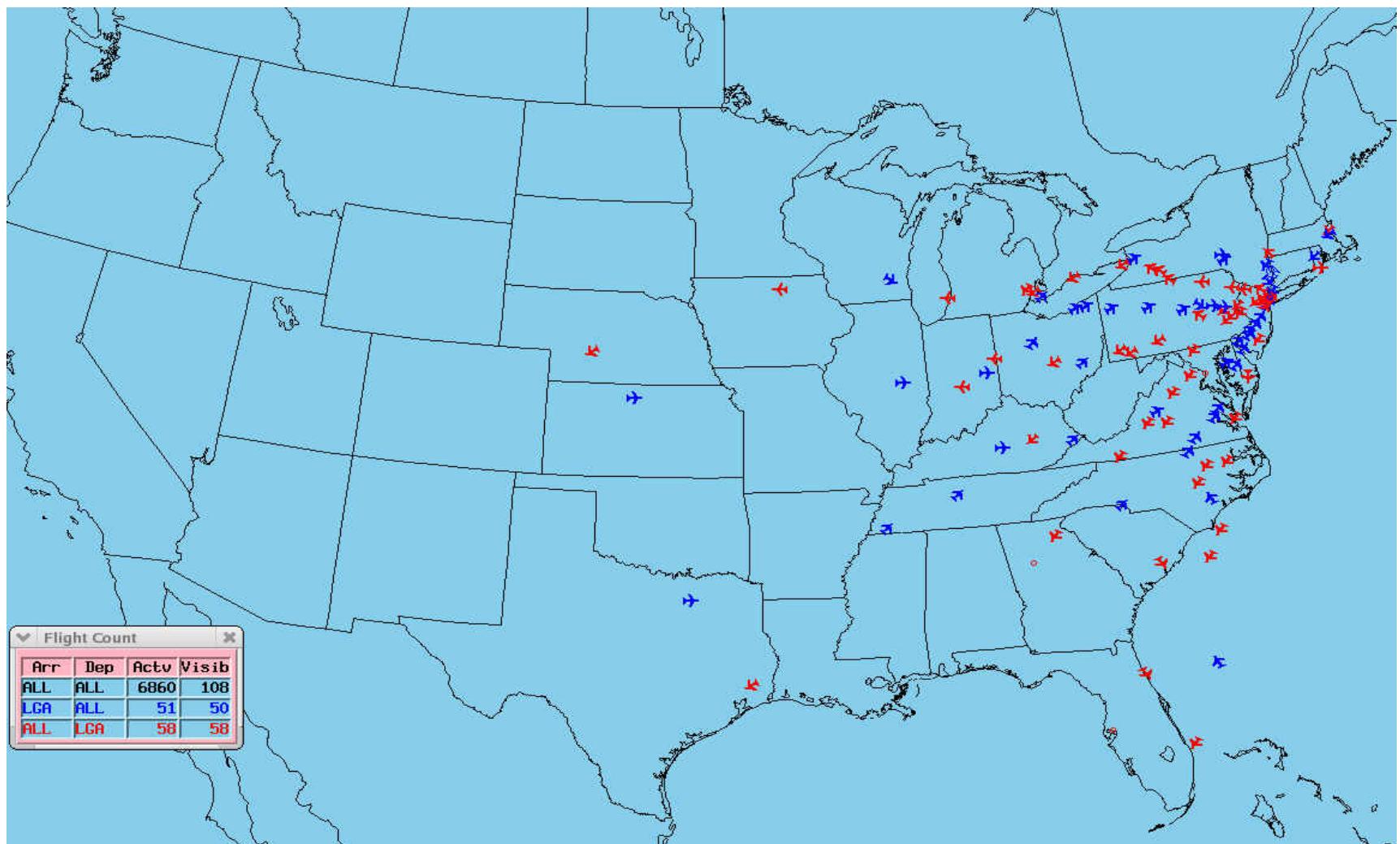
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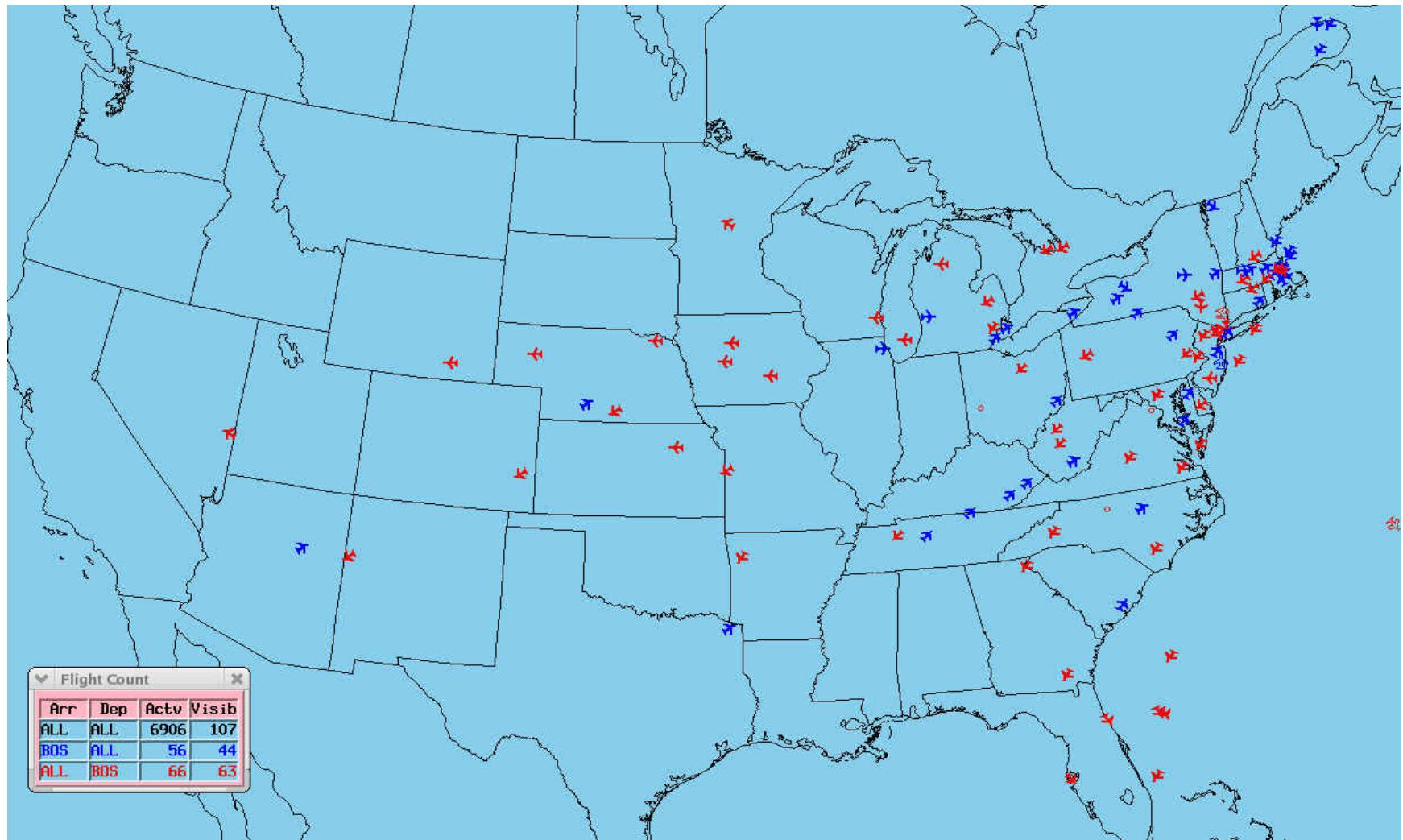
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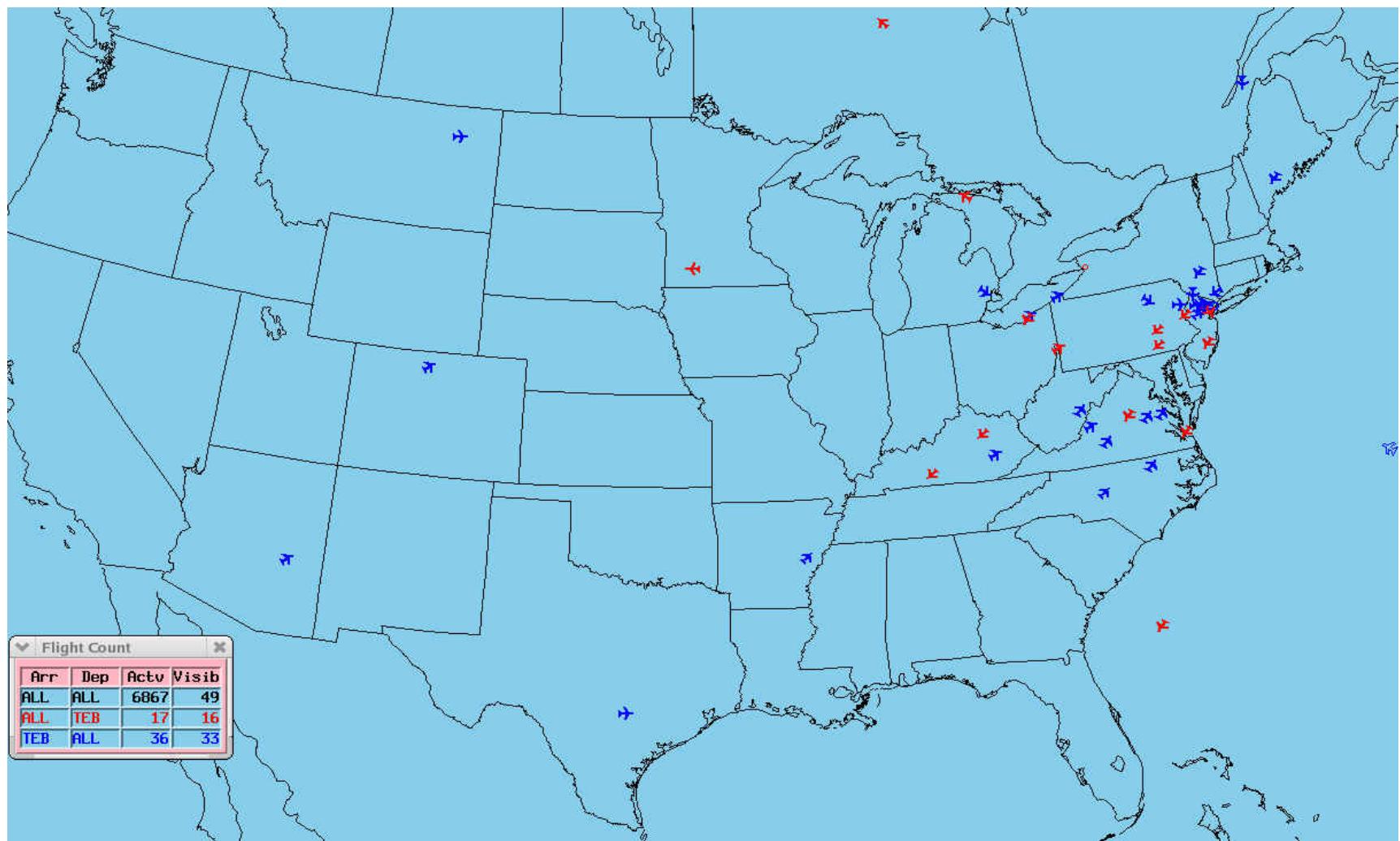
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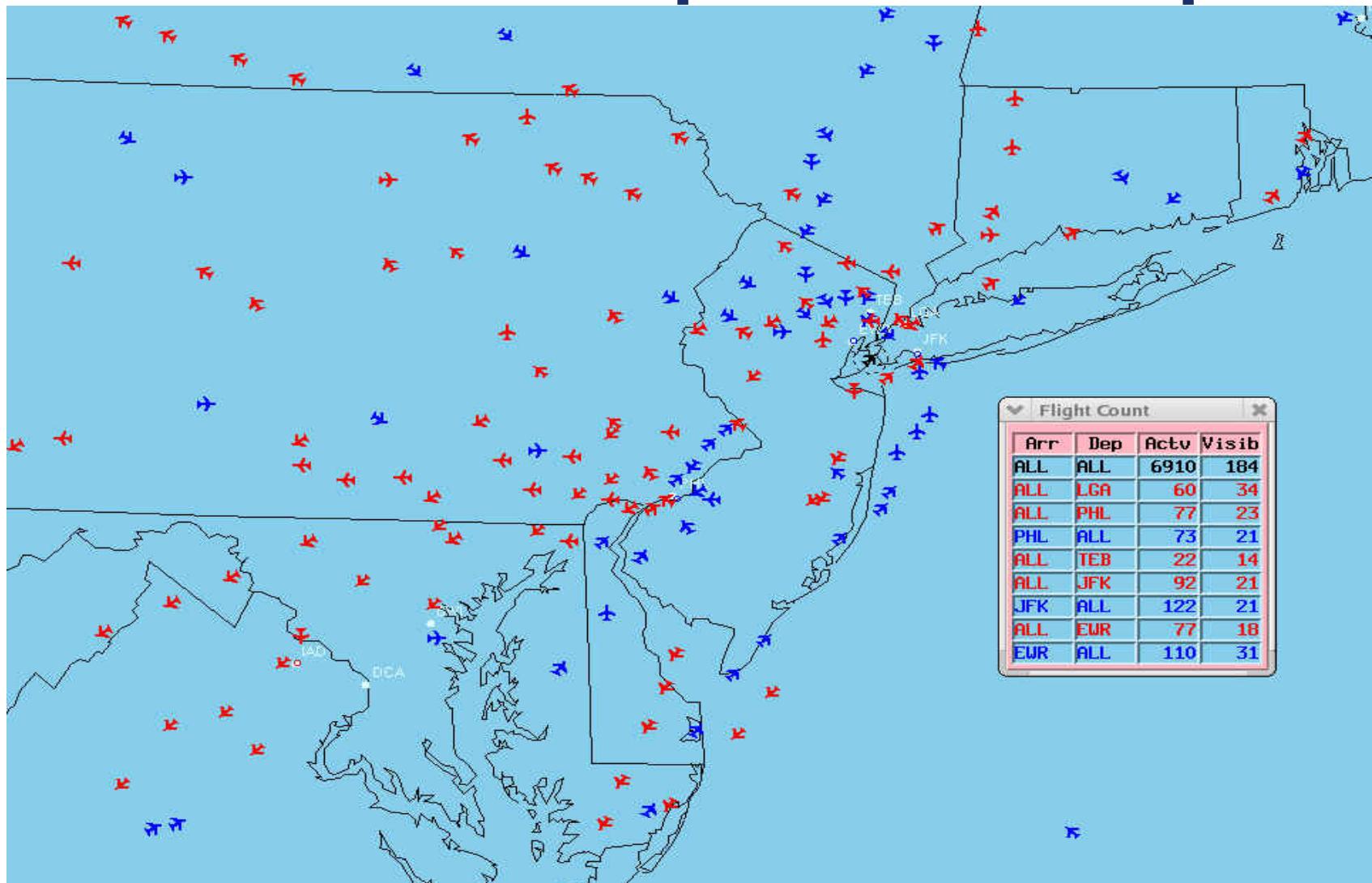
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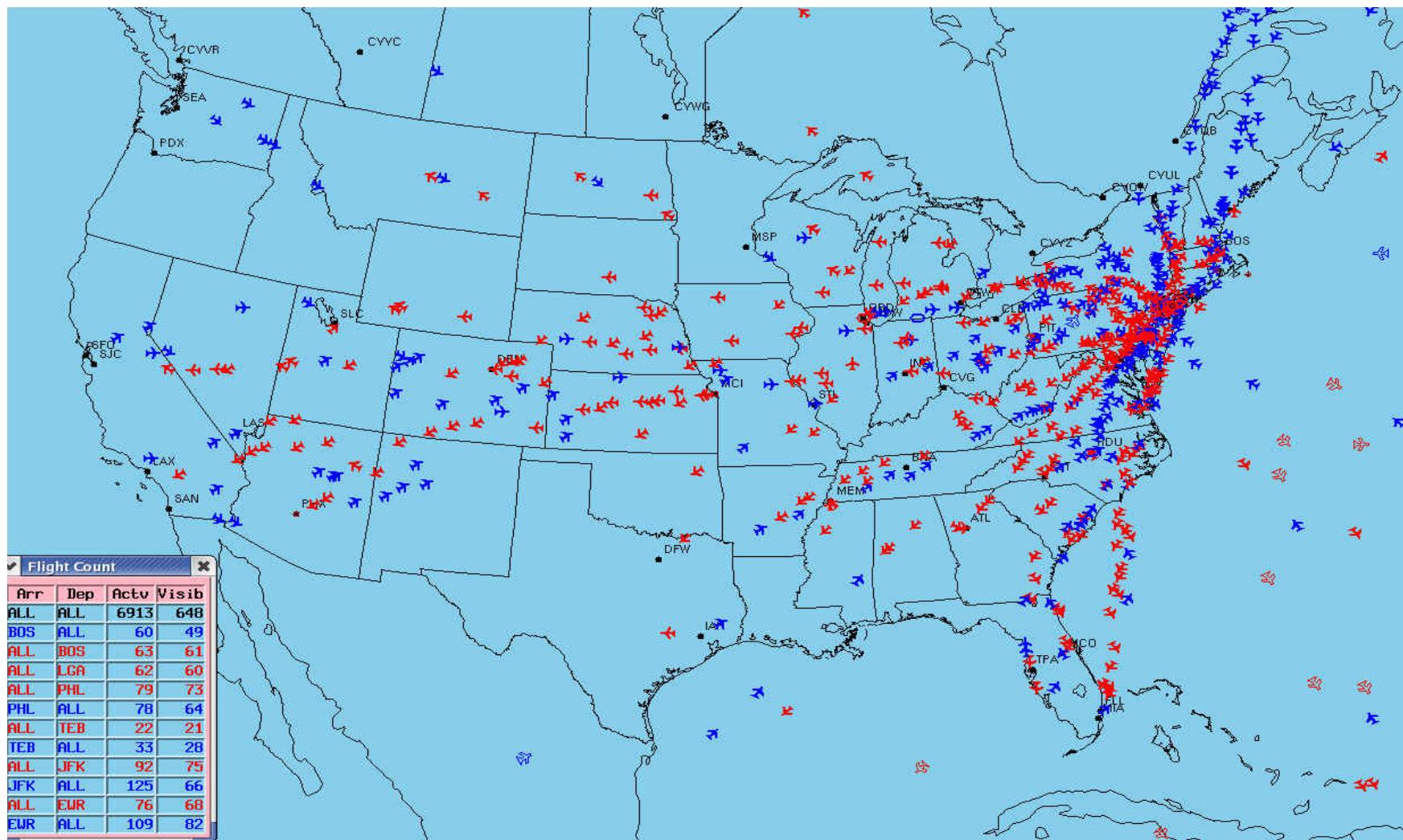
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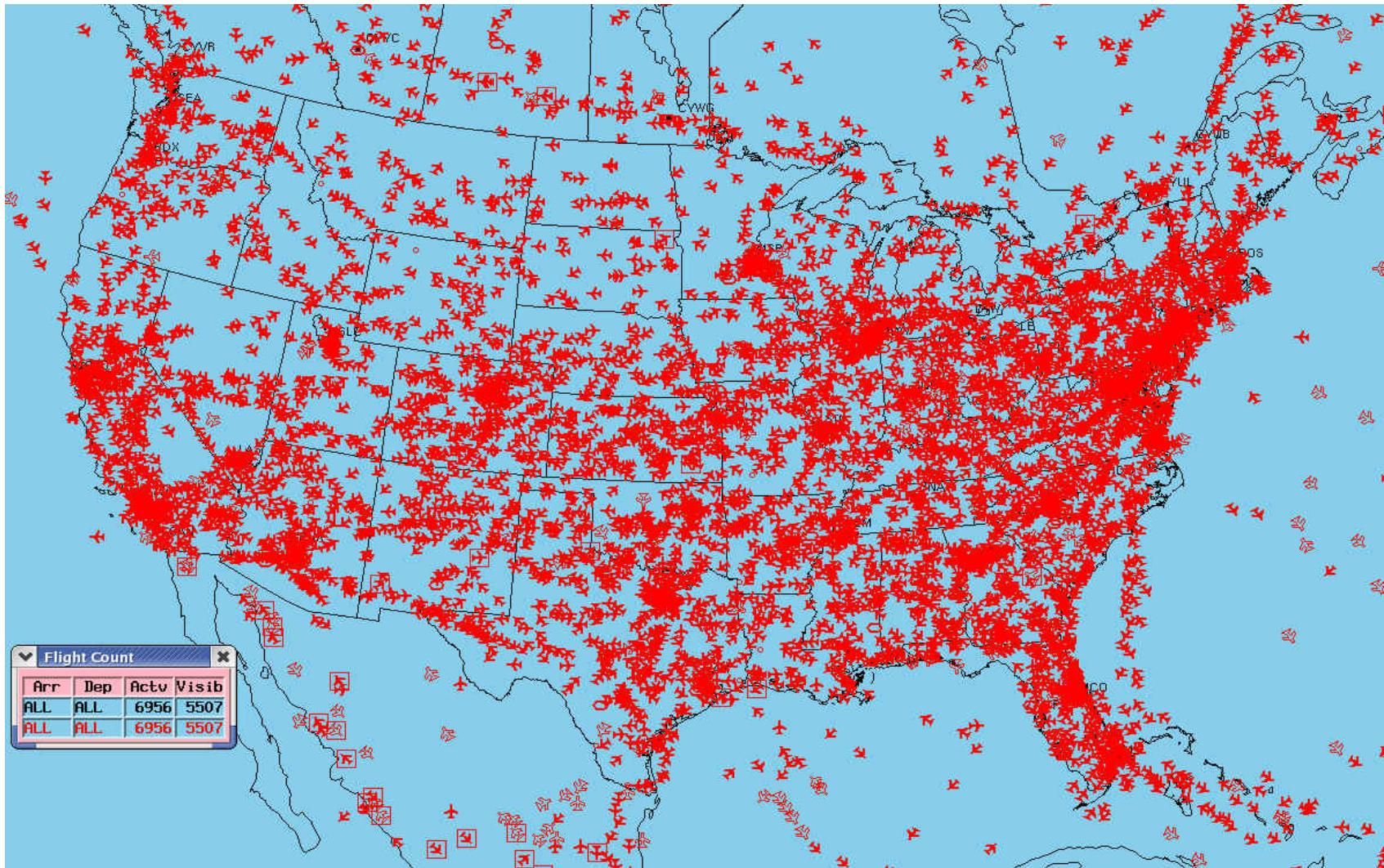
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# Northeast Airports Arrivals and Departures



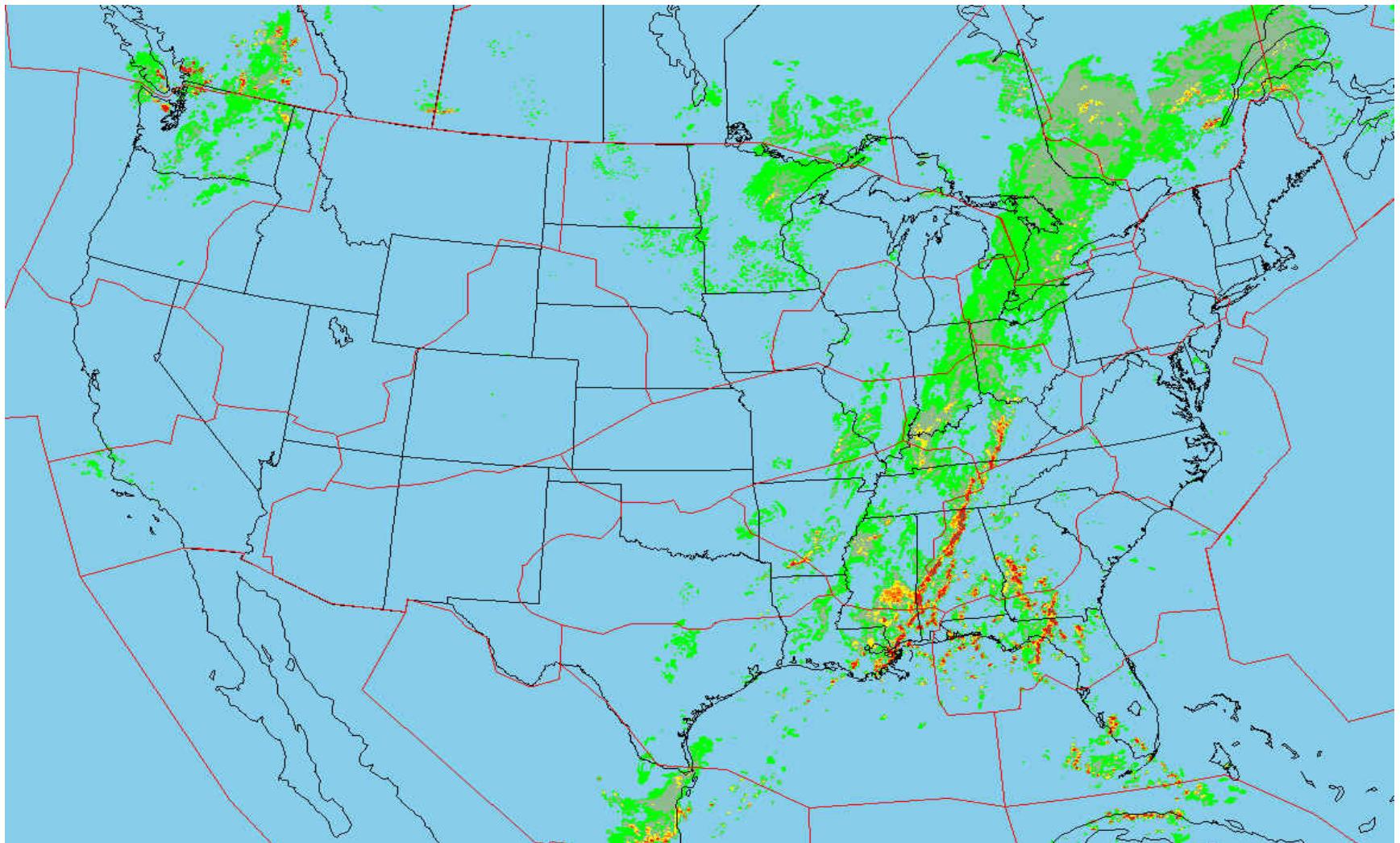
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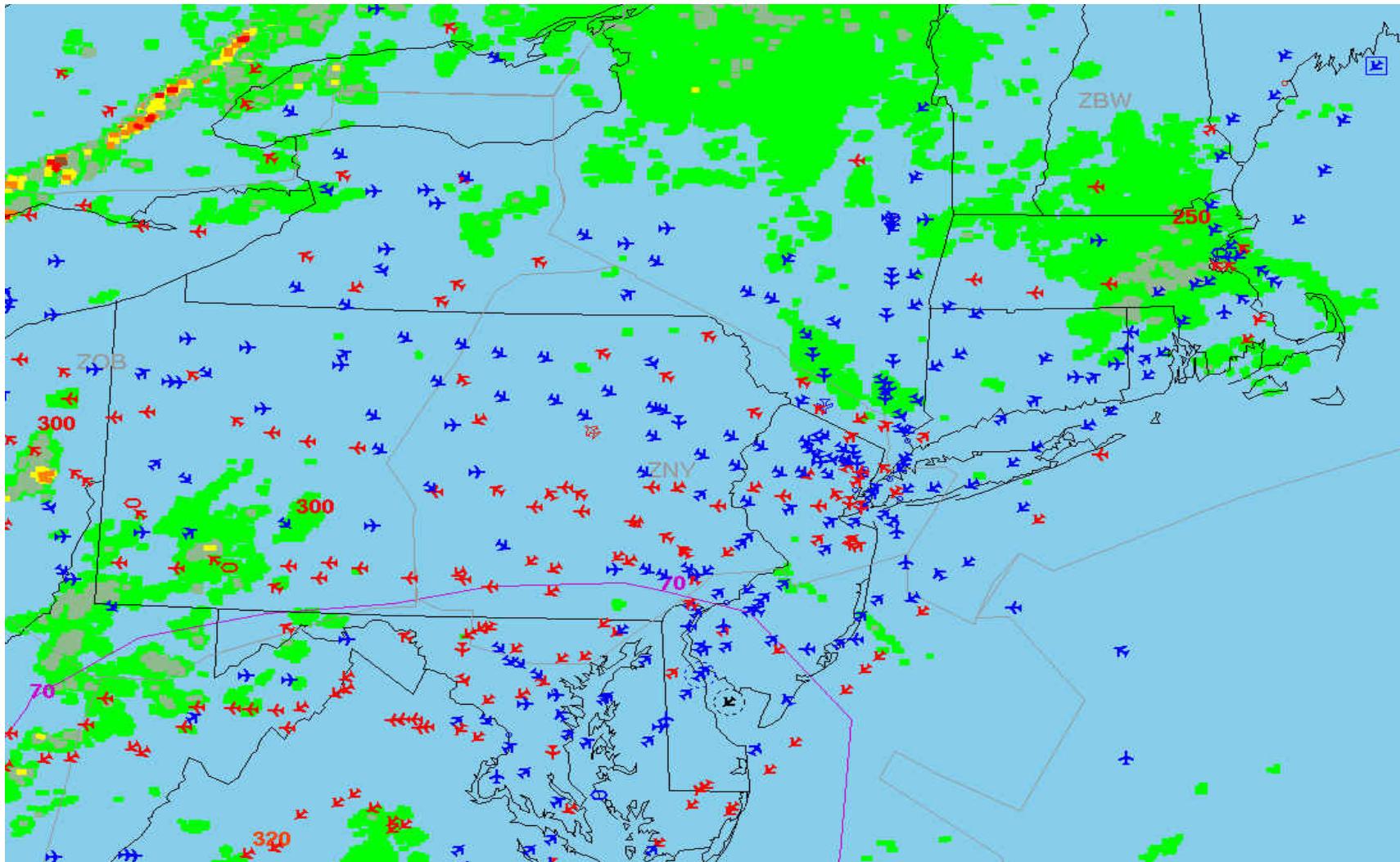


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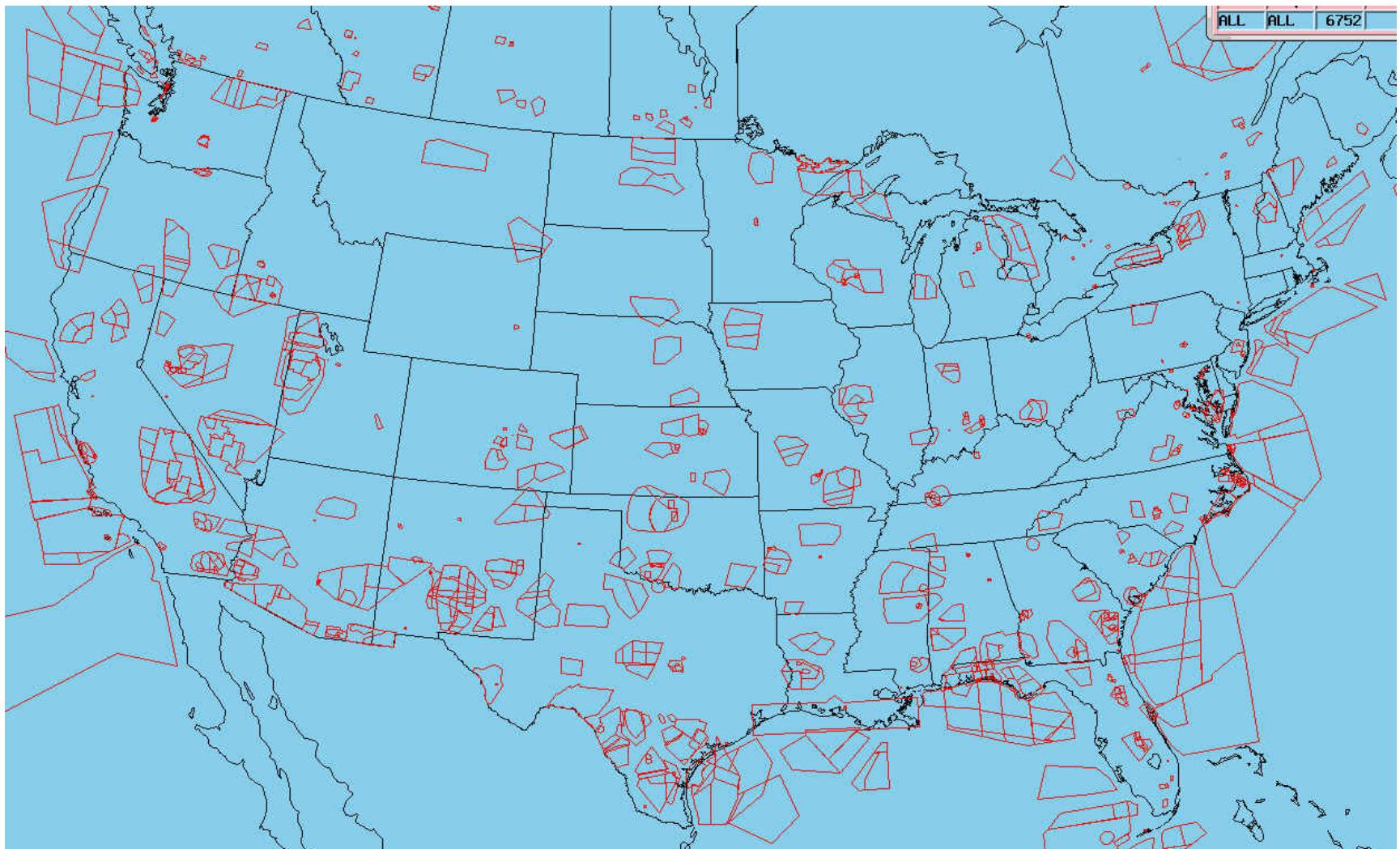


# All Northeast Airports with Weather



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# Military Airspace



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# Air Traffic Flow Management

- **Mission** - balance air traffic demand with system capacity to ensure a safe, efficient utilization of the National Airspace System.
- Appropriate application of traffic management initiatives provides operational benefits:
  - Minimizes delay and congestion
  - Increases throughput
  - Increases system safety
  - Lowers cost through fuel savings
  - Provides scheduling predictability



# Air Traffic Flow Management

- ATFM supports the implementation of new technology and procedures that enhance airspace capacity such as:
  - RNAV
  - RNP
  - RVSM
  - CAATS
  - Shanwick System
  - A-380 construction
  - ERAM



# Collaborative Decision Making

- The Traffic Flow Management operational philosophy, technologies, and procedures that enable the Federal Aviation Administration and the aviation industry to collaboratively manage operational constraints in a manner that balances operational efficiency with aviation safety.
- Collaborative decision making has become an integral part of our ATFM process. The success of our system relies on this collaboration



# Benefit to the Customers

- Customers participate in the daily management of the NAS through
  - Daily weather assessment
  - Common situation display
  - Planning Telcons – conducted every two hours
  - Representatives located at the System Command Center [ ATA, NBAA, Military Cell ]
  - Direct access to the Tactical Customer Advocate
  - Access to FAA management through daily customer telecon
  - Participate in regular system improvement meetings

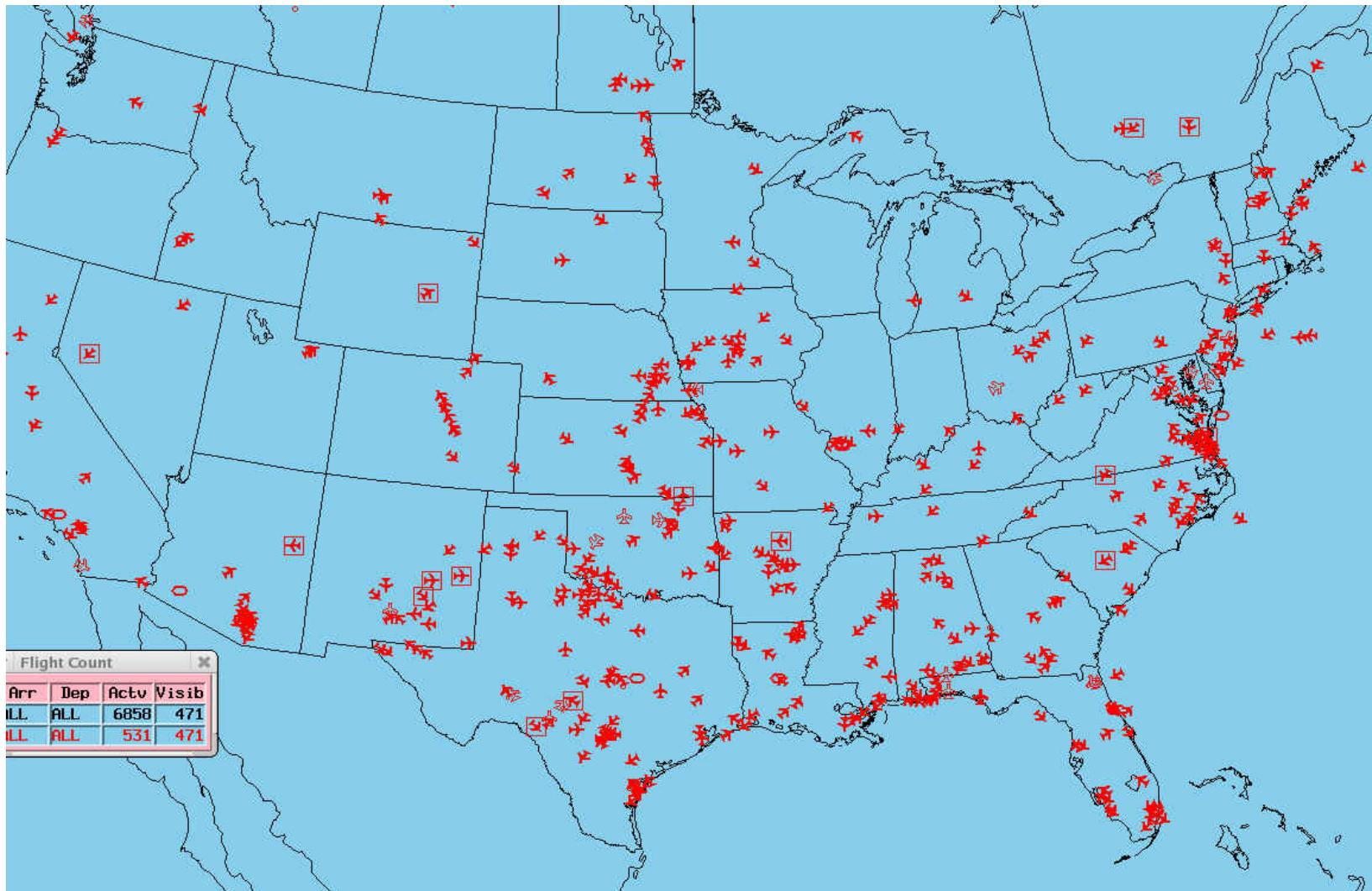


# The Military as a Customer

- Military Air Traffic Services Cell
  - Housed within the System Command Center
  - Mission - To coordinate all priority military aircraft movement and airspace issues during times of tension, warfare, natural disasters or civil unrest.
  - Warfare Support
  - Deployment of forces
  - Sensitive, specialized, or classified mission coordination
  - Military training exercise support
  - Natural or environmental disaster assistance
  - Civil exercise collaboration involving military participation



# Military Aircraft



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# The Customer's Role

- Customer participation through direct representation within the System Command Center via
  - National Business Aviation Association
  - Air transport Association
  - Military Cell
- Airline Operations Center participation in Planning Teleconferences conducted every 2 hours
- Participate in localized teleconferences directly with Tower, TRACON, Centers, and Command Center during establishment of traffic management initiatives
- Direct access to Tactical Customer Advocate for extraordinary issues
- Common shared situational data for planning purposes

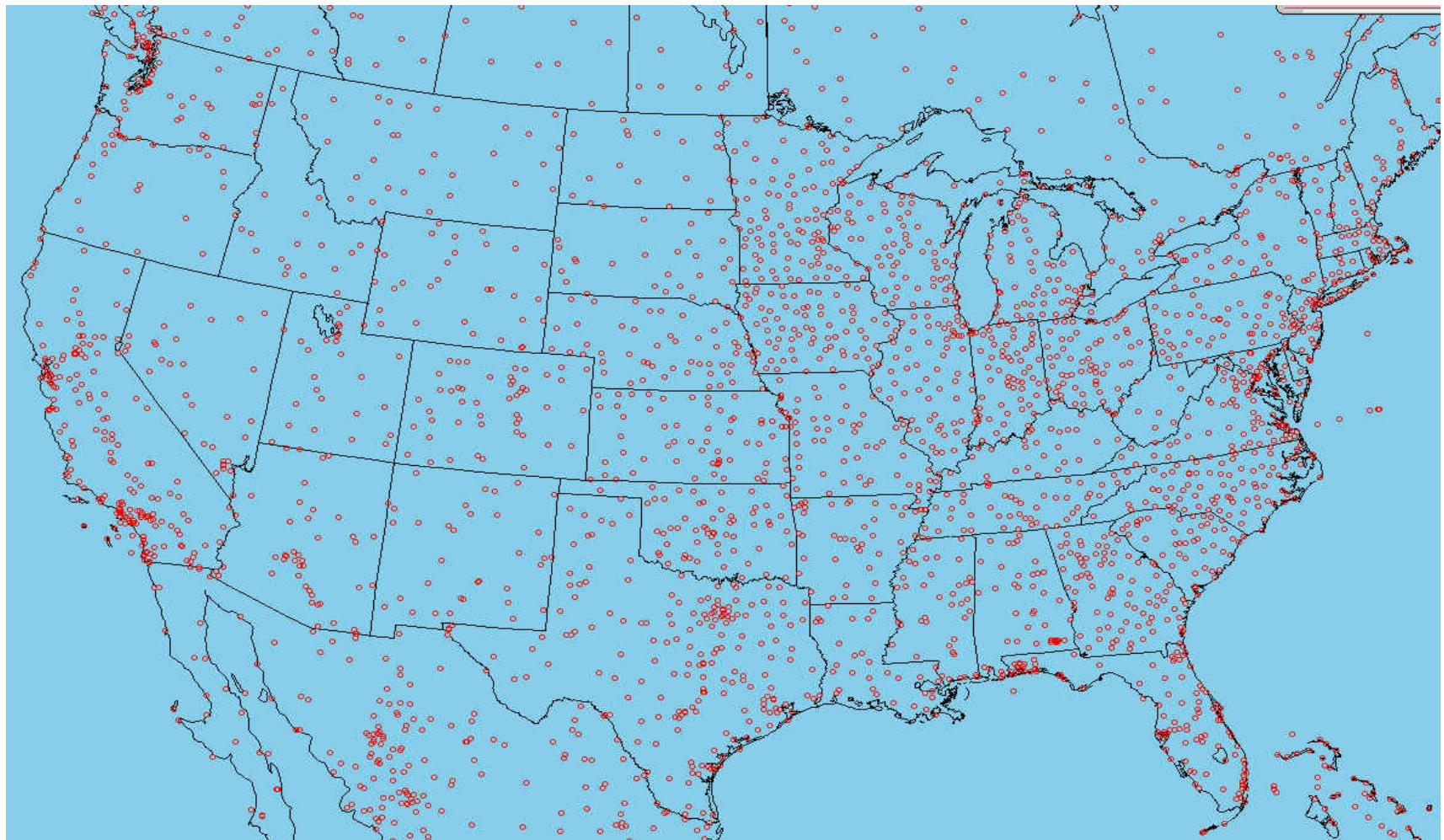


# Who's Involved

- Terminal/TRACON
- Enroute
- Command Center
- Director Tactical Operations
- Customers
  - Civil
  - Military



**Approx. 5,000 Airports**  
**125 FAA staffed**      **235 Federal Contract**



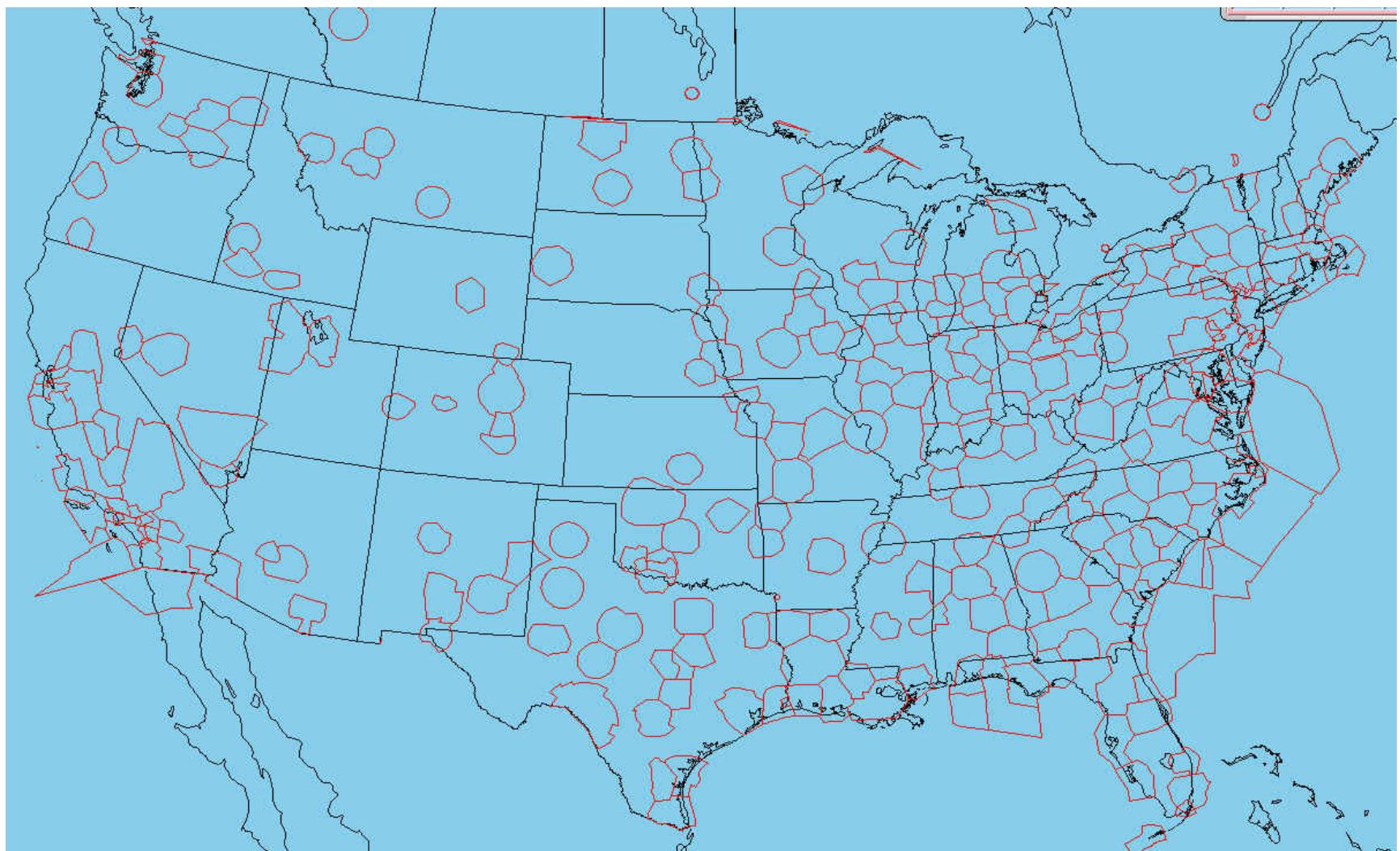
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# 35 Primary Airports



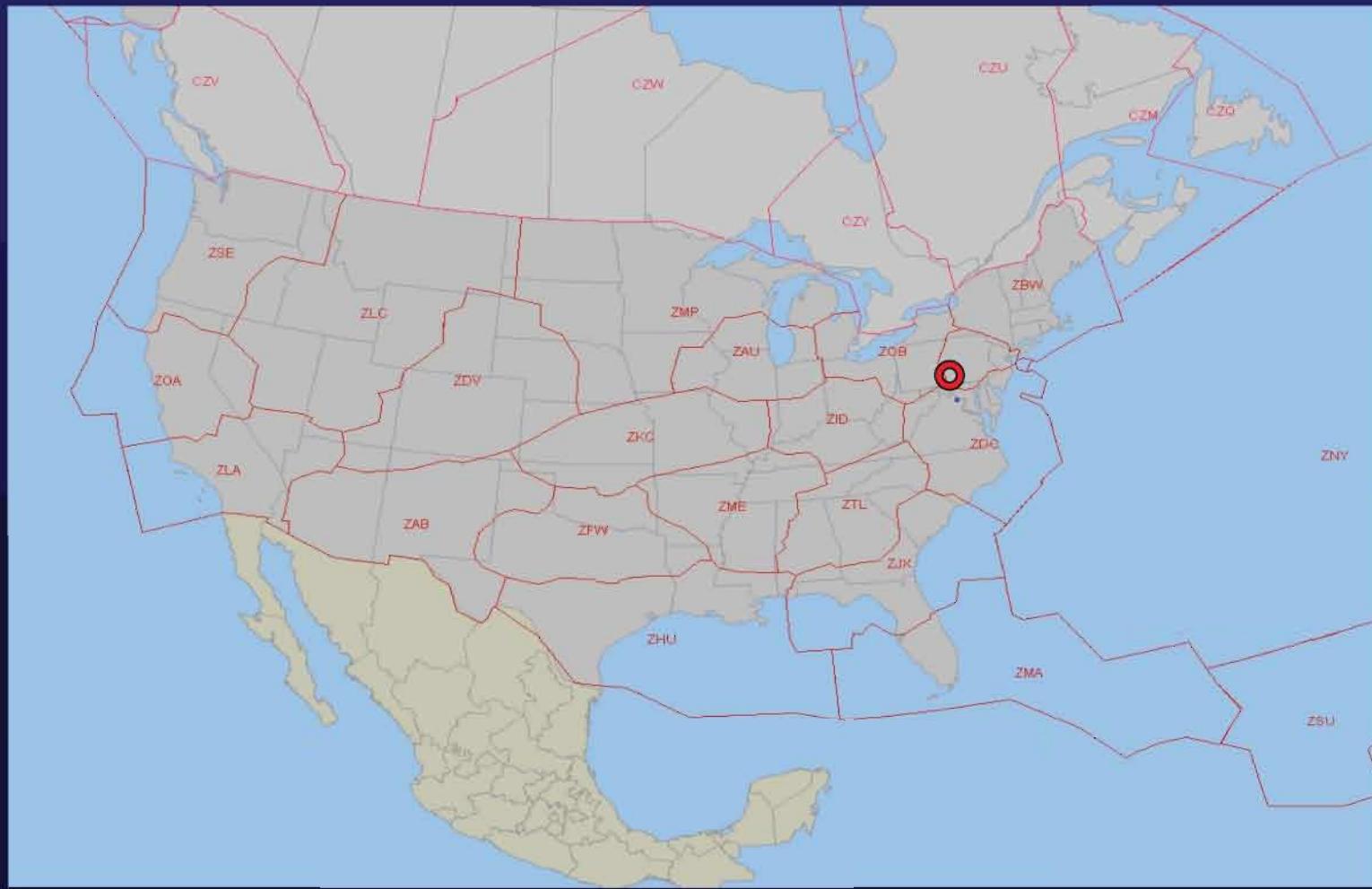
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# Approx. 170 TRACONs



# Air Traffic Hierarchy

Tower – TRACON – Center – ATCSCC - DTO



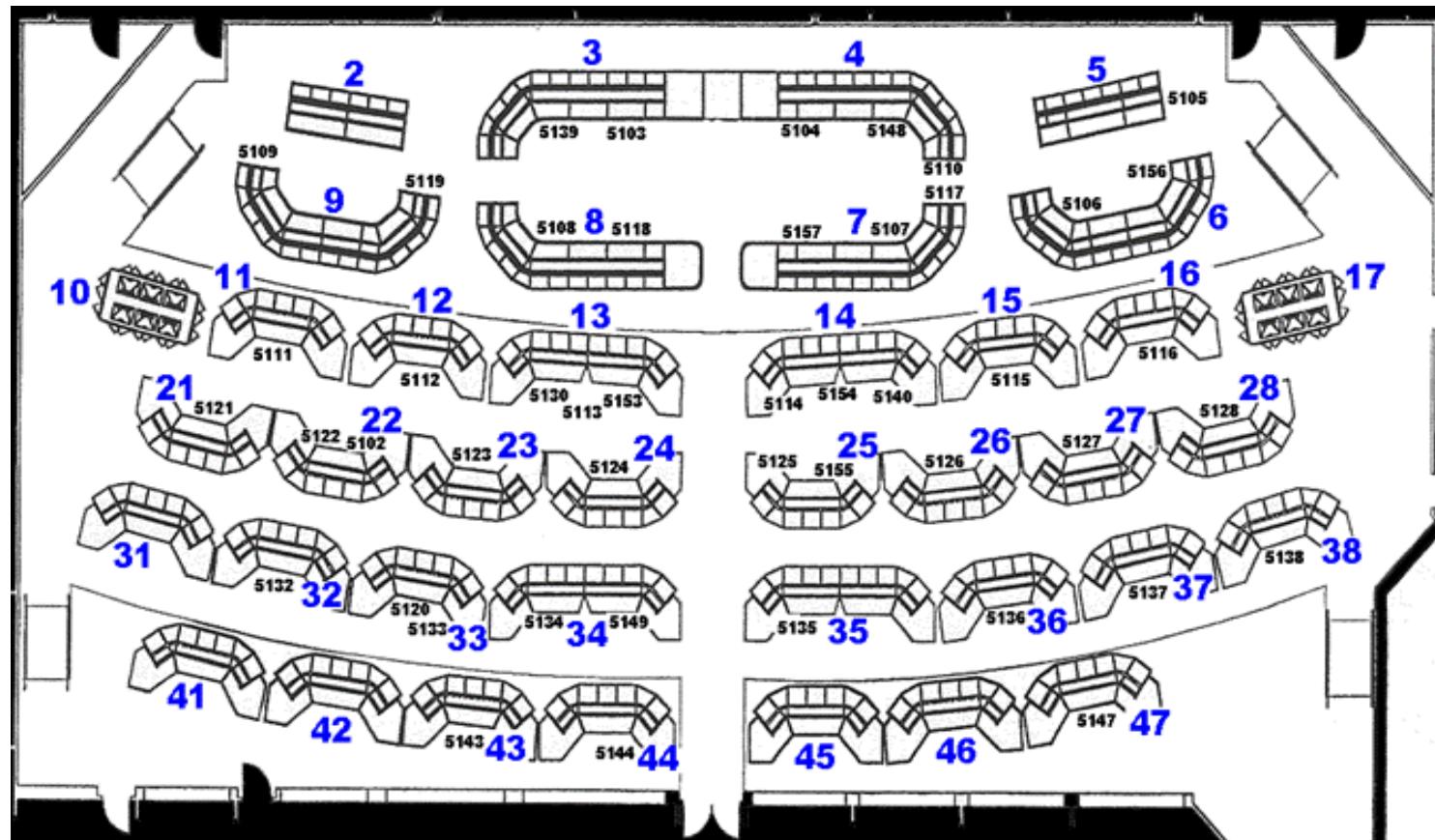
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# Air Traffic Organizational Structure

- Air Traffic Control System Command Center
  - National Operations Manager
  - Operations Planning Team
  - Traffic Management Coordinators/Severe Weather Specialists
  - Tactical Customer Advocate
  - Central Altitude Reservation Facility
- All 21 Air Route Traffic Control Centers have Traffic Management Units
- All major TRACONs and Towers have Traffic Management Units
- Manager, Tactical Operations – 5 regional representatives.

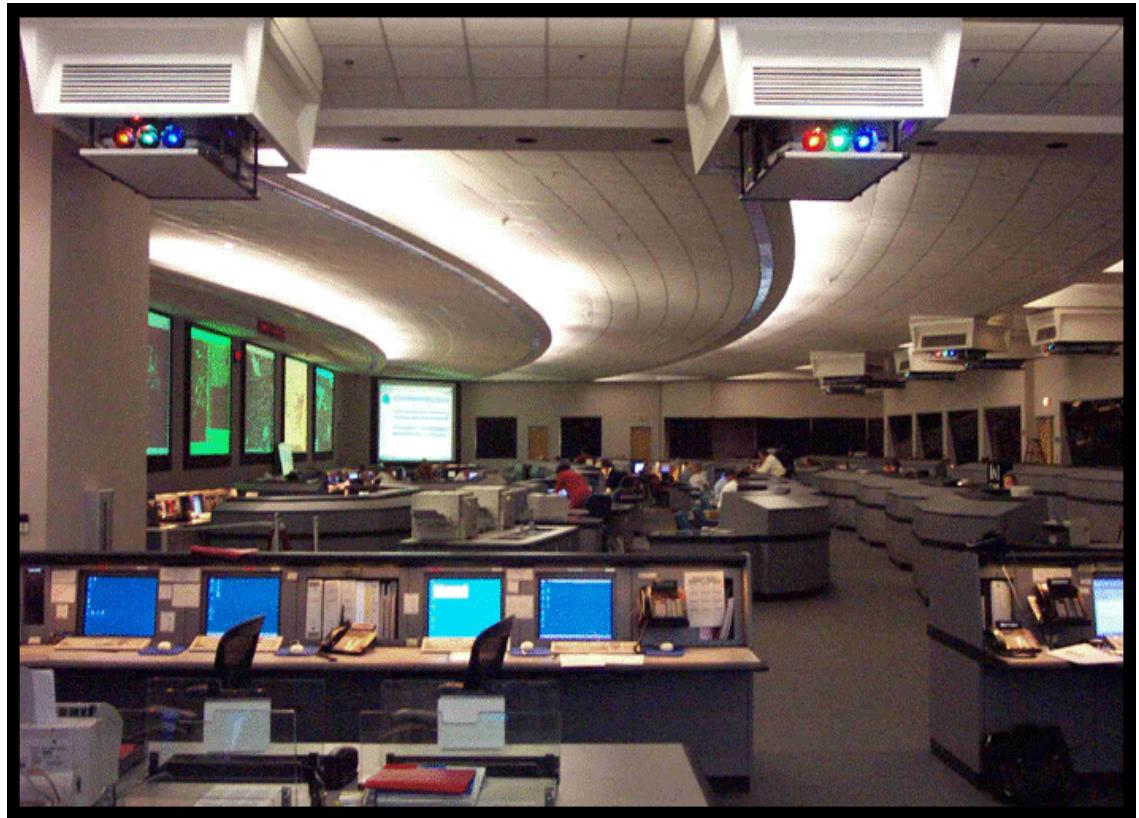


# Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC)



# Applying ATFM

- Planning
- Coordination
- Tools



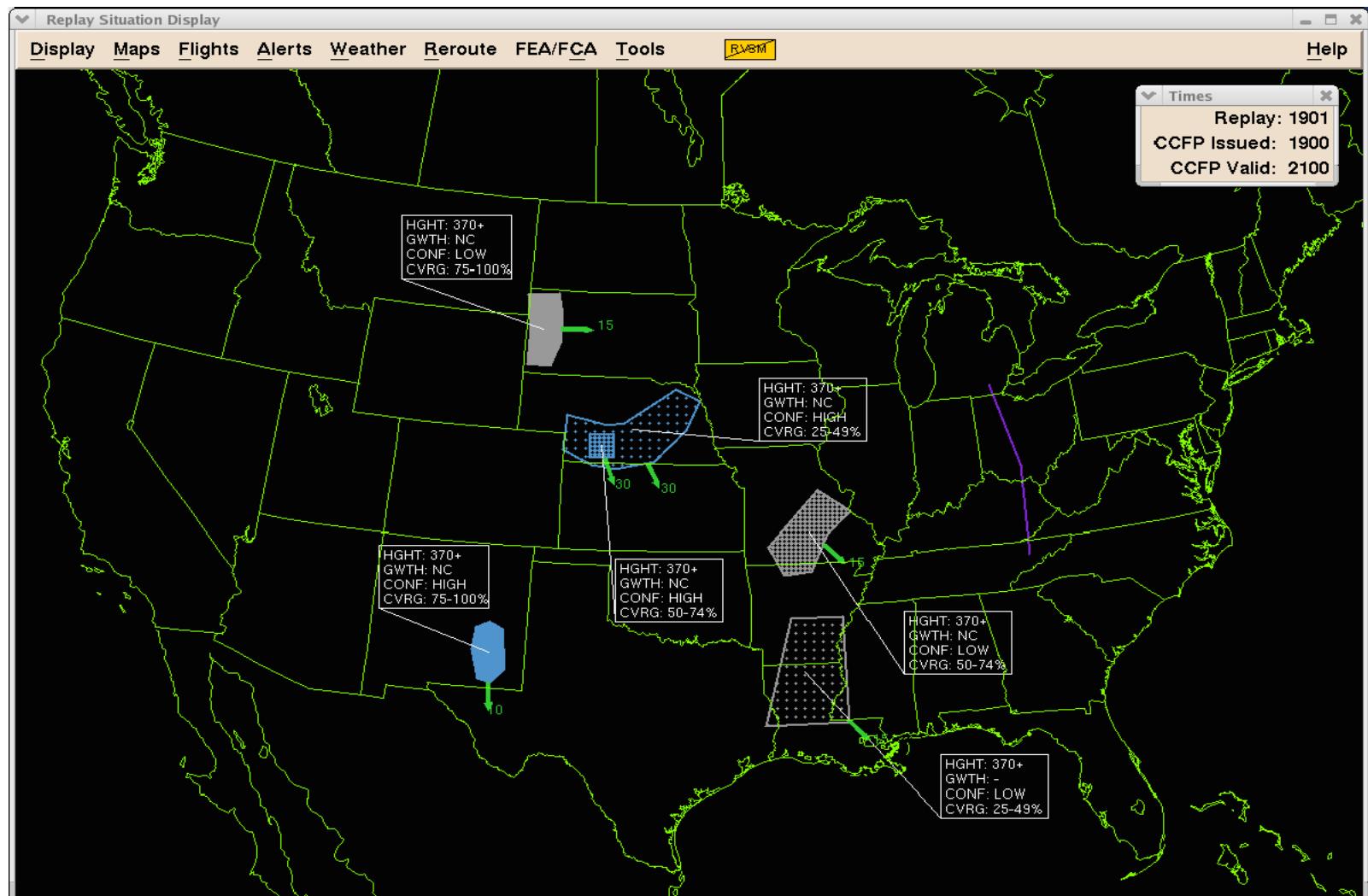
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# Applying ATFM Planning and Coordination

- Day begins with collaborative discussion on forecasted weather impacts to the system, with continuous review throughout the day.
- Operations Plan is developed with customers, field facilities and the System Command Center.
- Plan is revisited and updated every 2 hours throughout the day.
- Specific airport and regional initiatives are managed by Traffic Management Coordinators and field facility experts in collaboration with the customers
- Capacity and constraint data is shared via automated means with all parties

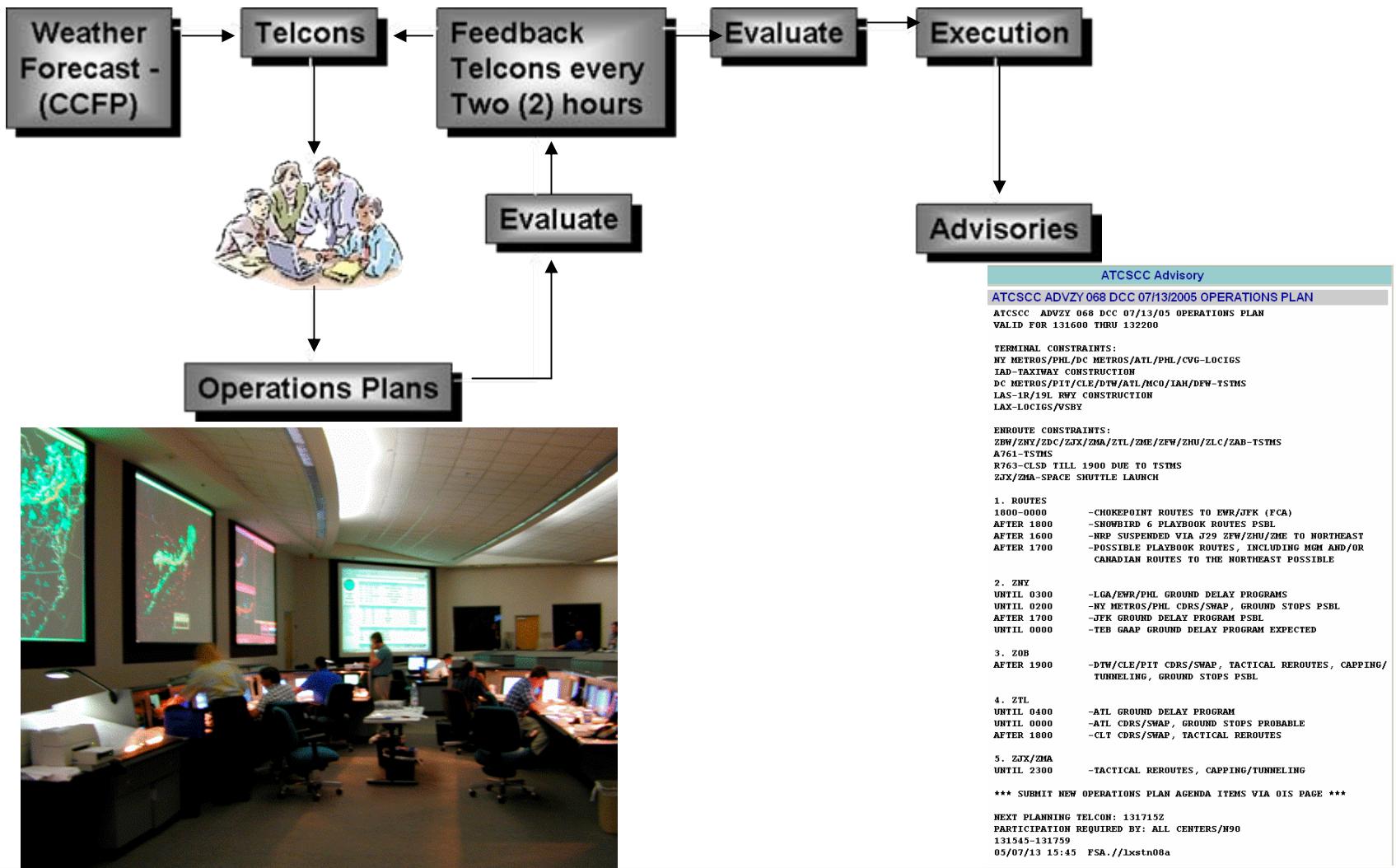


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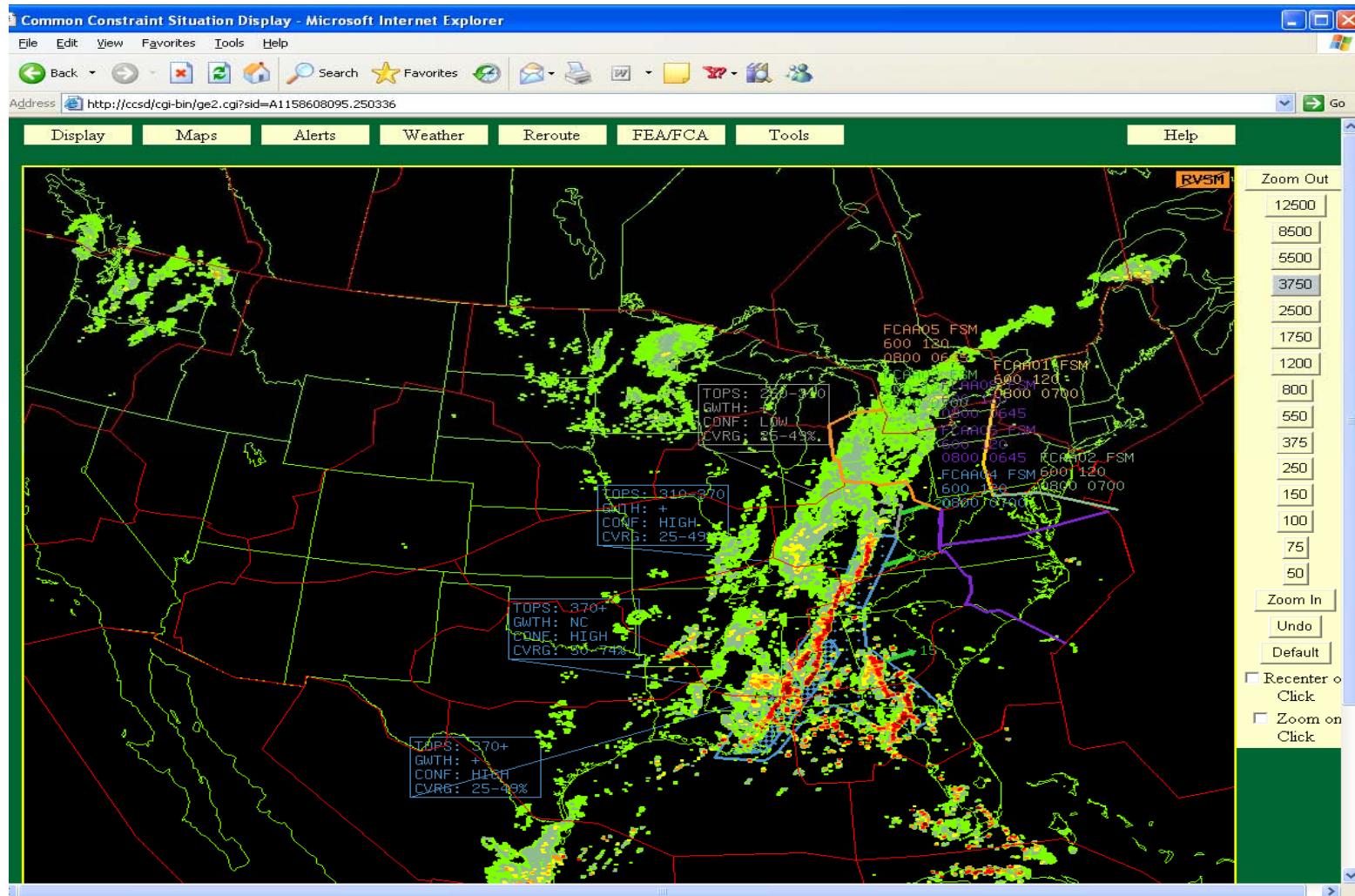


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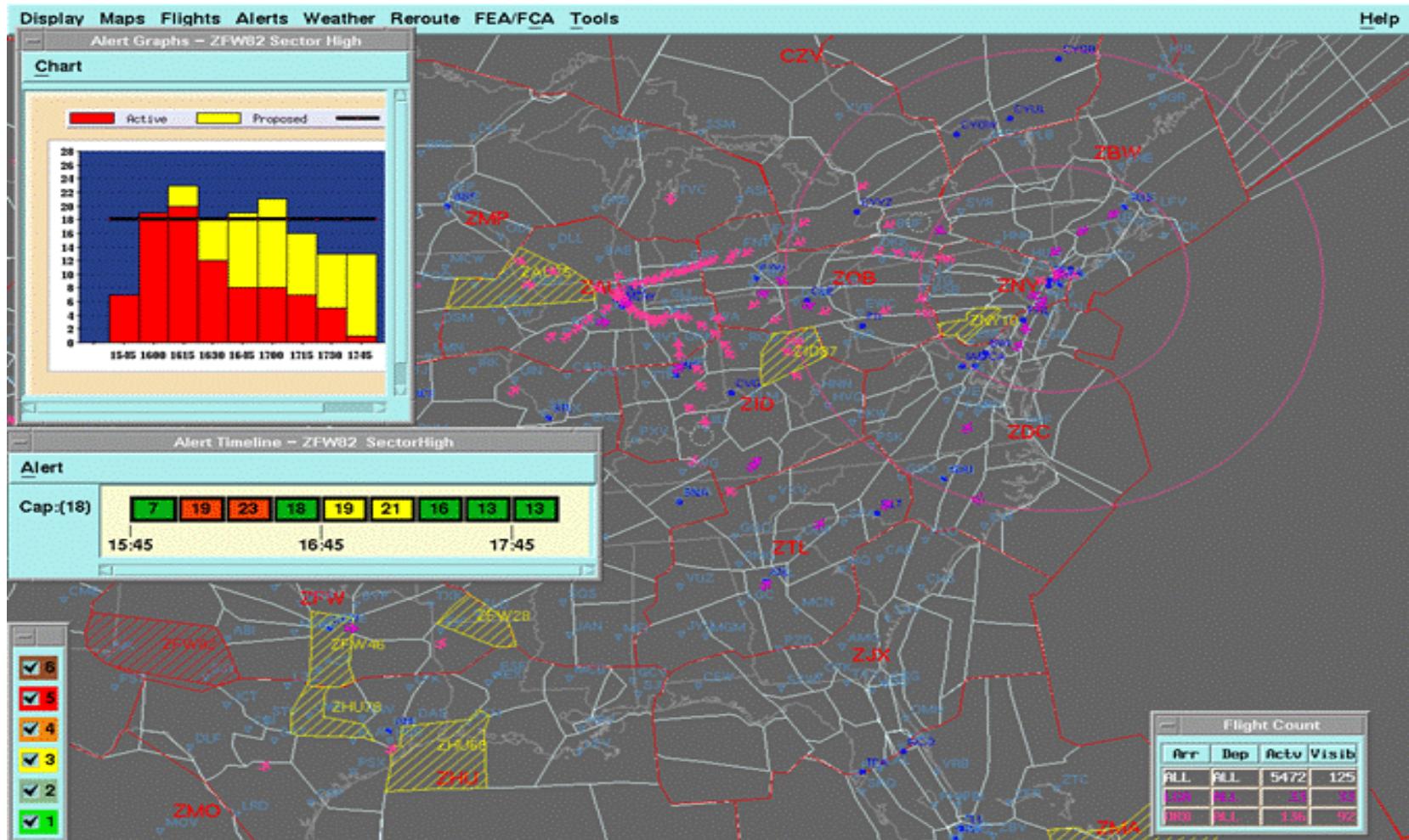


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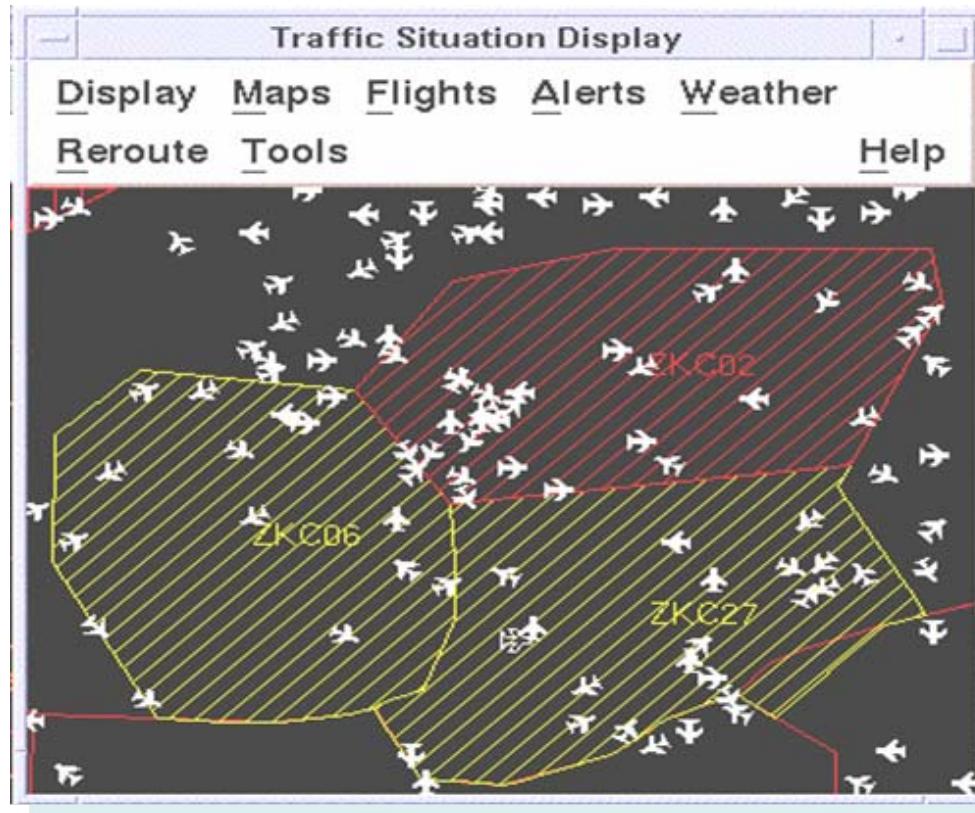
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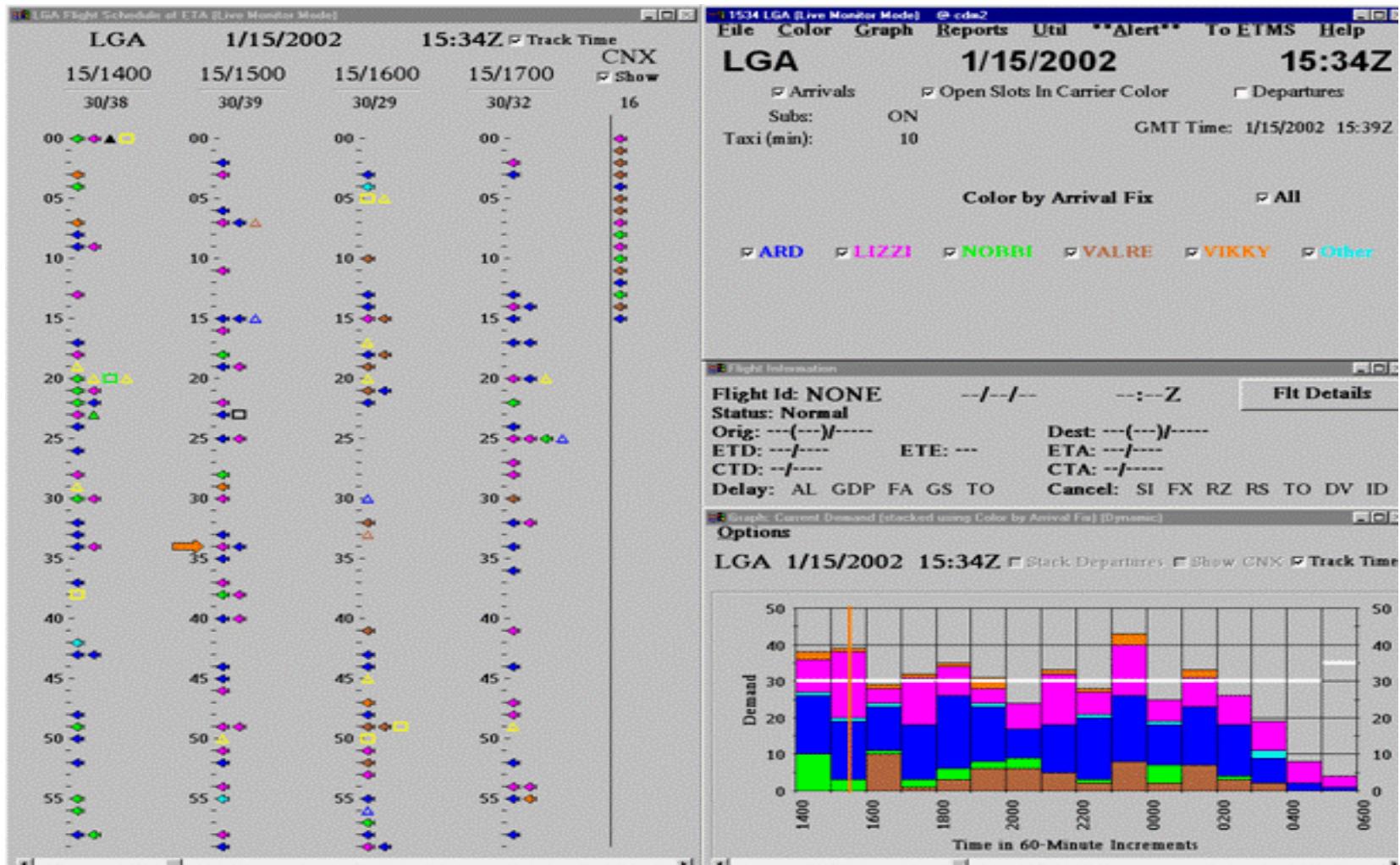
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# Enhanced Traffic Management System (ETMS)



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# Flight Schedule Monitor



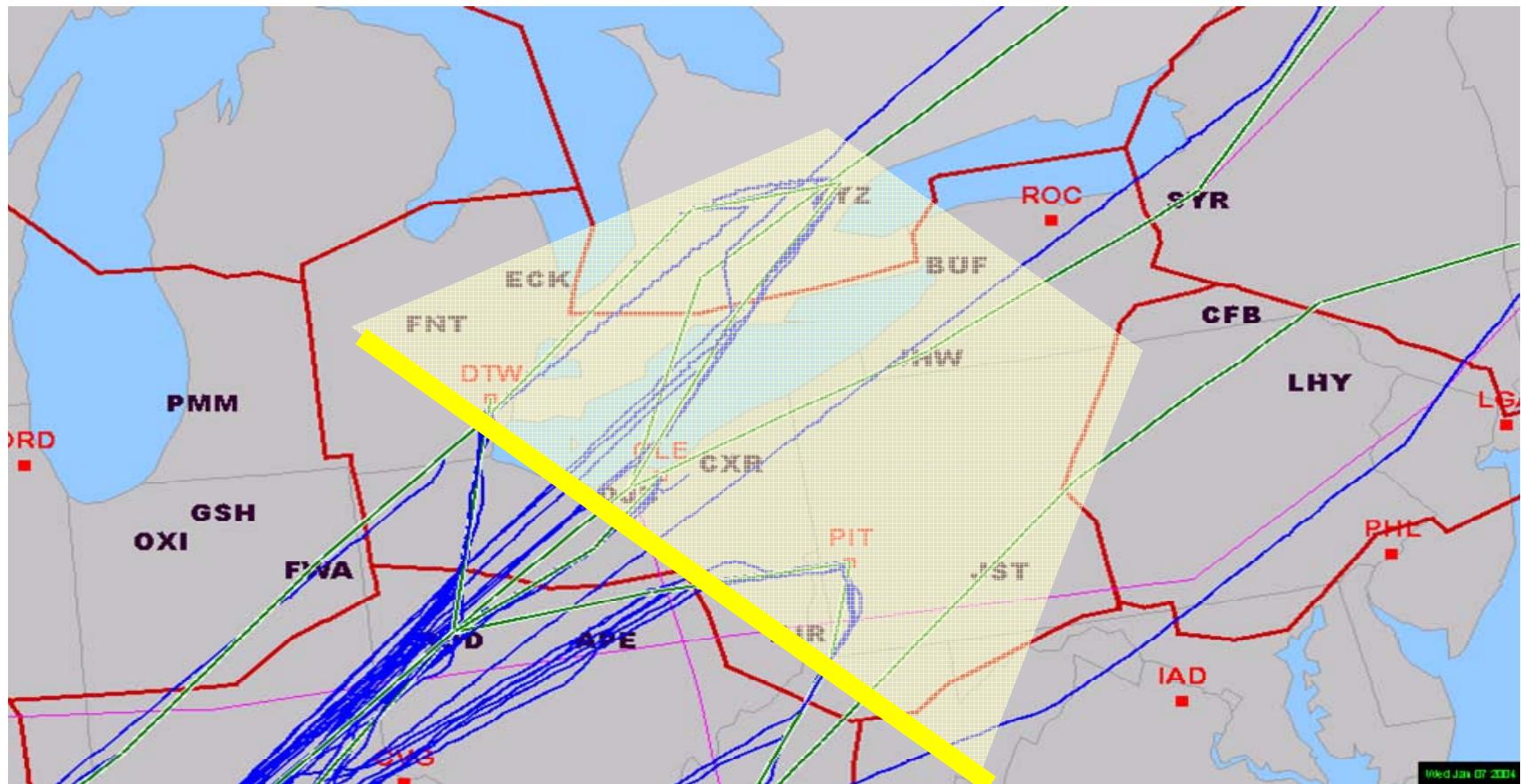
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# Flow Evaluation Area/Flow Constrained Area

- FEA – Geographic area identified as being impacted by weather or other constraint, is shared with customers and FAA facilities to allow voluntary rerouting away from impacted area.
- FCA – A formalized FEA which requires positive traffic management initiatives to meter traffic through constrained area
- Initiatives applied may be
  - **Miles-in-trail or minutes-in-trail.**
  - **Capping altitude below impacted area**
  - **Tunneling through designated corridors**
  - **Ground delay programs and/or ground stops**



# Flow Evaluation Area



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# National Playbook

## Playbook

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### Air Traffic Control System

### Command Center



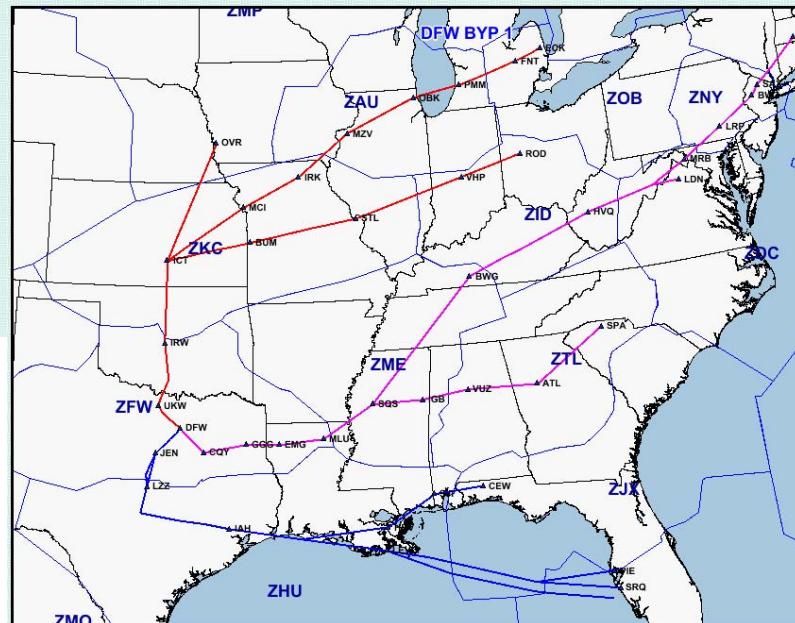
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### DFW BYP 1

Impacted Area or Flow: DFW BYP STAR

Facilities Included: ZFW/ZME/ZID/ZDC/ZNY/ZBW/CZY/ZTL/ZHU/ZJX/ZMA/ZKC/ZAU/ZOB/ZMP

Instructions: REROUTE ANY AIRBORNE TRAFFIC AND INTERNAL DEPARTURES DESTINED THE DFW TERMINAL AREA VIA THE FOLLOWING ROUTES. SUBSTITUTE OTHER DESTINATION IN PLACE OF DFW IF APPLICABLE



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# Coded Departure Routes (CDRs)

**RMT 1.1**

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CDR Tool

EFFECTIVE 0901Z 27 Dec 2001  
TO 0901Z 21 Feb 2002

**Query Fields: Operational**

Route Code	Origin/Dep Center	Destination/Arr Center	Departure Fix	Date/Time
JMY	ZFW			

**Route String**      **Remarks**      **ModFlag**

Query     Clear     Send To Map

**Database**

- Operational
- Staging

**Query Results: Operational**

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# Ground Stops/Ground Delay Programs

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ATL	1809	2359	ZTL2 - DFW	HX ENROUTE	74	38
DFW	1800	0259	ALL	THUNDERSTORMS	150	39
EWR	1800	0359	ALL CYYZ/CYUL/CYON/CYHZ	SUPPORT OF SWAP	354	276
LGA	2030	0159	NONEST	TSTRMS ENRTE/SNAP	301	242
PHL	1600	2359	ALL CANADA	LOW CEILINGS	267	150
STL	1900	0159	ALL	TSTMIS	197	113

GROUND STOPS			
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BWI	2100	ZID/ZOB/ZMP/ZAU/ZKC/ZME/ZFH	HX EN RTE
CLE	2100	ZNY/ZDC/ZID/ZAU/ZBW/ZOB/ZHP	WEATHER/TSTMIS
CLT	2100	ZDC/ZNY/ZBH	TSTMIS
CWG	2015	ZID/ZOB/ZNY/ZBW/ZDC	TSTMIS
DCA	2100	ZID/ZOB/ZMP/ZAU/ZKC/ZME/ZFH	HX EN RTE
DTW	2100	ZDC/ZJK/ZTL/ZMA/ZAU/ZBH/ZID/ZMP/ZNV/ZOB	TSTMIS ENROUTE
IAD	2000	ZID/ZOB/ZMP/ZAU/ZKC/ZME/ZFH	HX EN RTE
JFK	2030	ZDC/ZJK/ZMA/ZTL/ZME/ZHU/ZFW/ZAB/ZLA	TSTRM ON RTE
LGA	2030	ZDC/ZJK/ZMA/ZTL/ZME/ZHU/ZFW/ZAB/ZLA	TSTRM ON RTE
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TEB	2030	ZDC/ZJK/ZMA/ZTL/ZME/ZHU/ZFW/ZAB/ZLA	THUNDERSTORMS ON RTE
ZOB	2100	ZTL/ZJK/ZMA	NO ROUTES/HX

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ATL	+60	2001		HX
BOS	+135	1920		SNAP
BWI	+15	1703		LDN/AMG RSTRN

DEICING				
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**ATCSCC Advisory**

**ATCSCC ADVZY 109 LGA/ZNY 07/14/2004 CDM PROPOSED GROUND DELAY PROGRAM**

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ANTICIPATED PROGRAM RATE: 27  
FLIGHTS INCLUDED: ALL CONTIGUOUS US DEPARTURES  
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CANADIAN AIRPORTS INCLUDED: CYHZ CYOW CYUL CYYZ  
DELAY ASSIGNMENT TABLE APPLIES TO: ZNY  
ANTICIPATED MAXIMUM DELAY: 345  
ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DELAY: 202  
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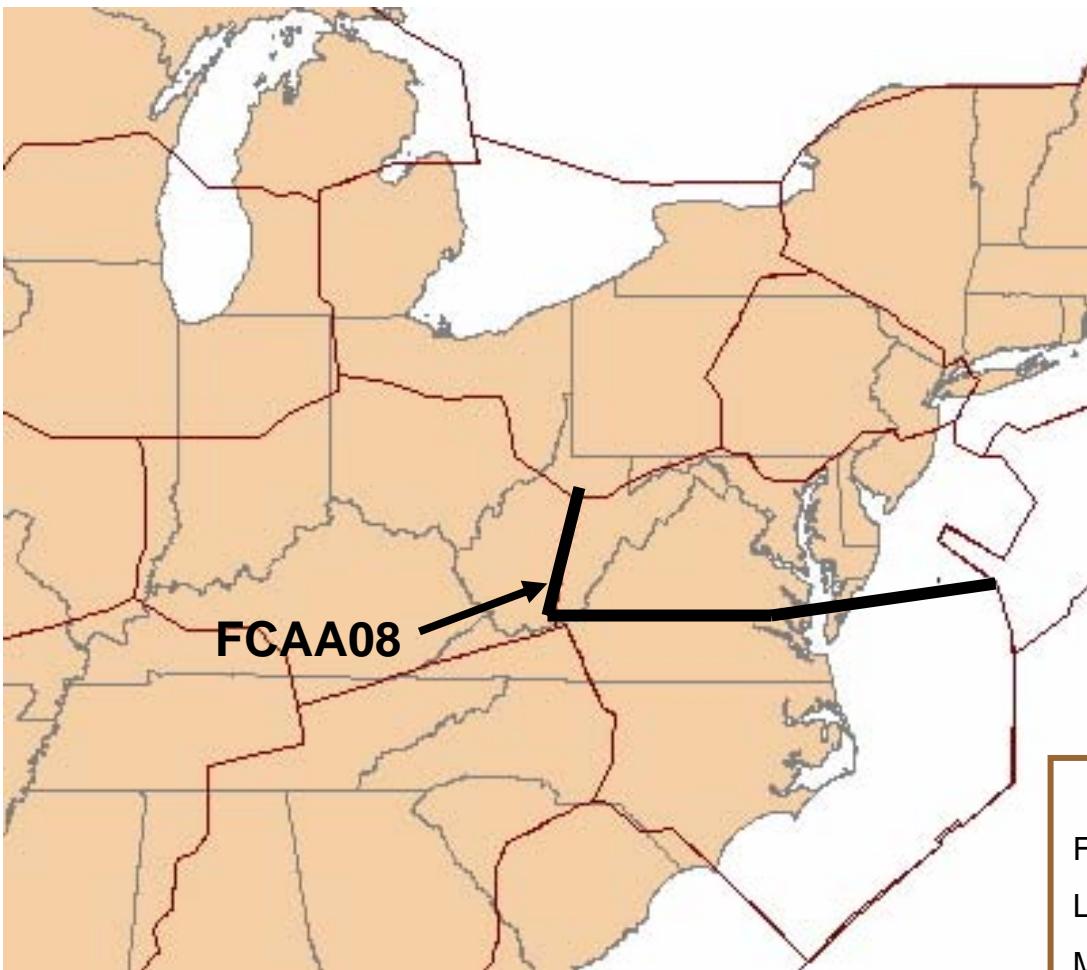
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# Airspace Flow Program

- New tool delivered in spring 2006
- Combines FSM flight data, Ground Delay Program algorithms, and FEA/FCA technology to target specific NAS element such as
  - Volume of enroute airspace
  - Specific airway
  - Airport
  - Specified fix
- More precisely targets impacted enroute airspace as compared to GDP technology



# Airspace Flow Program



FCAA08 is defined by the western boundary of ZDC *and a line across central Virginia*.

**Altitude Filters:** 120 – 600

**Arrival Filters:** ZNY, ZBW, **ZDC**

**Departure Filters:** None

**Likely weather for use:** Weather in the Ohio Valley region or in ZDC airspace.

**Weather Triggers:** Lines and popcorn storms. CCFP predicted intensity levels of greater than 50% with High Confidence.

## NESP Rate Guidelines

Flow through ZDC:

Low Weather Impact: 135 – 145 Rate/Hour

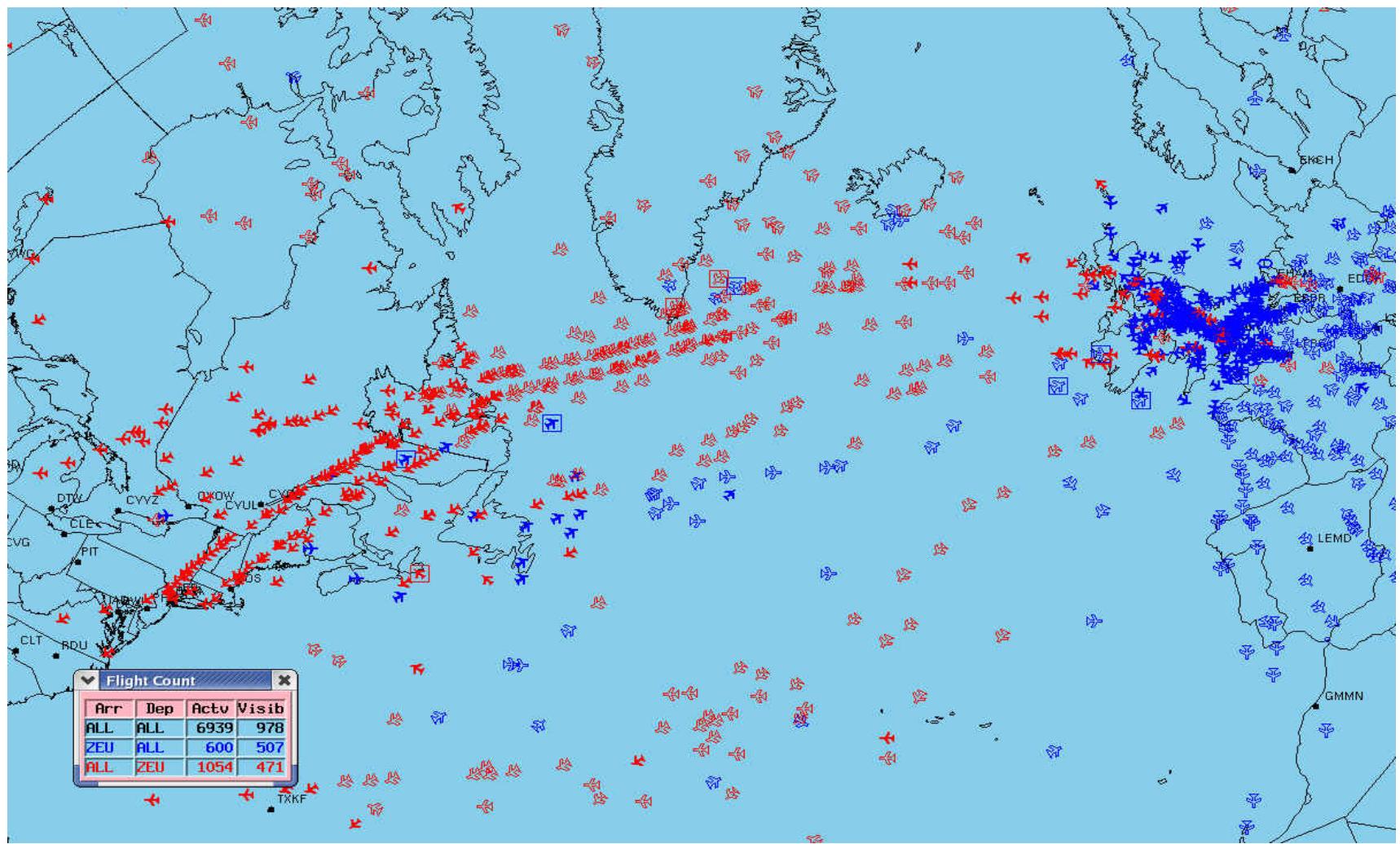
Med Weather Impact 125 – 135 Rate/Hour

High Weather Impact 115 – 125 Rate/Hour



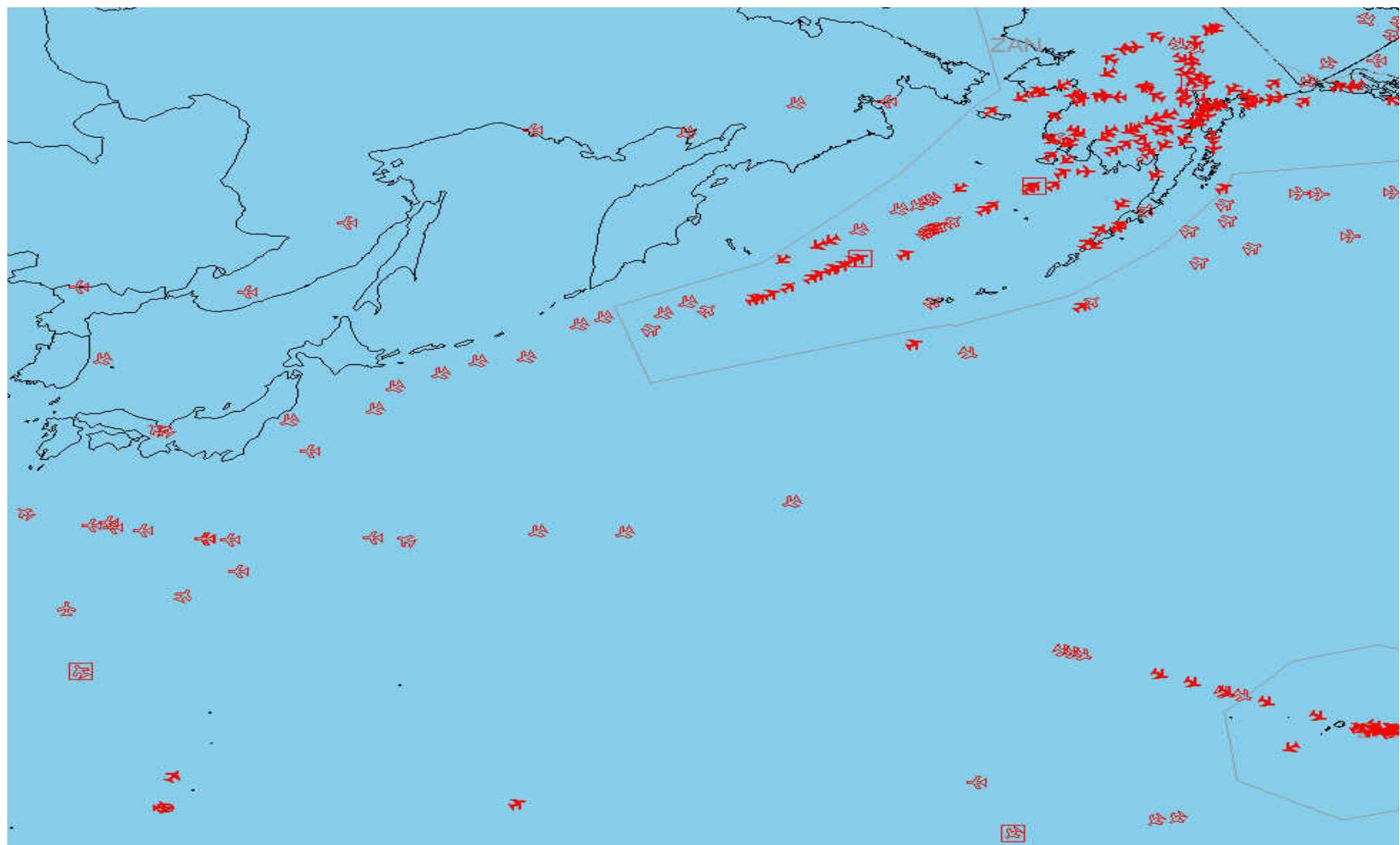
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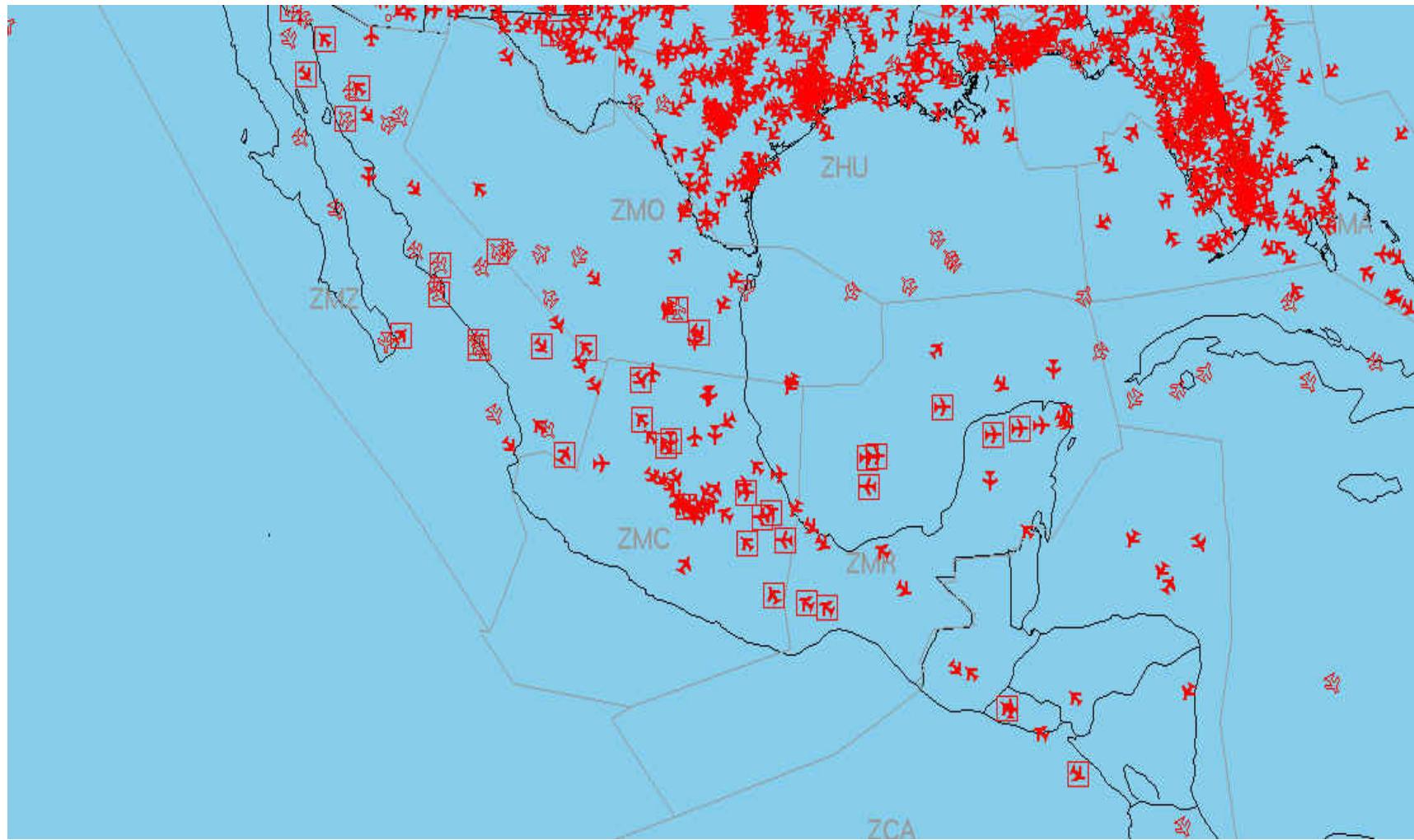


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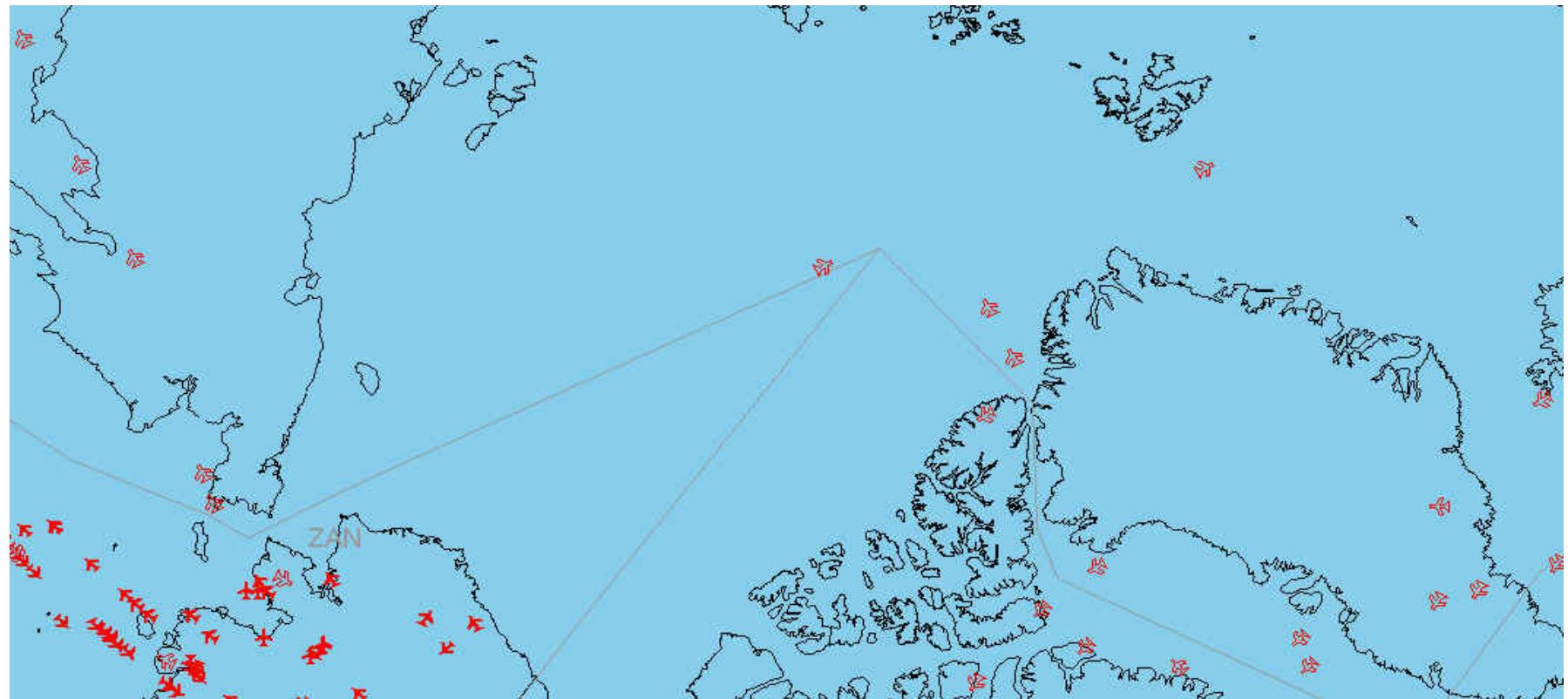


# Mexico and Caribbean Traffic



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# International ETMS Data Exchange

- Current Agreements
  - Mexico
  - Canada
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  - Eurocontrol
  - Panama
  - Dominican Republic
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Legend

● General Arrival/Departure delays are 15 minutes or less.	● Departures are experiencing taxi delays of 16 to 45 minutes and/or arrivals are experiencing airborne holding delays of 16 to 45 minutes.
● Departures are experiencing taxi delays of 16 to 45 minutes and/or arrivals are experiencing airborne holding delays of 16 to 45 minutes.	● Departures are experiencing taxi delays greater than 45 minutes and/or arrivals are experiencing airborne holding delays greater than 45 minutes.
● Traffic destined to this airport is being delayed at its departure point. Check your departure airport to see if your flight may be affected.	● Closed airport

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