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# Case Study 12 National Environmental Services, LLC at a Power Plant in Arizona

#### **Site Description**

The Palo Verde Nuclear Generating station in Arizona is the largest nuclear power station in the US. The site's 4,000 acres is surrounded by agricultural areas. Equipment at the plant includes extremely large turbines, steam handling equipment, cooling towers and a maze of pipes.

#### **The Problem**

Since 1988, pigeons have represented a perennial pest problem at the expansive site. In addition to slip hazards, bird droppings contaminate sensitive equipment and result in more frequent and costly maintenance cycles. The facility had experimented with different abatement techniques although none with any lasting effect.

## **The Solution**

Based on the large number of pigeons and scope of the site, National Environmental Services, Peoria, AZ, tackled the problem with an extensive contraceptive program. Three automatic feeders were installed on three different rooftop locations for daily application of OvoControl. This strategy maximized the contraceptive "footprint" for OvoControl.

## **The Results**

OvoControl was initiated in November, 2010. Since inception, bird pressure has been reduced by 80%. Starting with 350 birds, the site is down to less than 60 resident pigeons. The OvoControl program will continue to reduce the number of pigeons at the site at the rate of 50%, annually.





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