



Innolytics, LLC

The Humane Hatch Control Company

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OvoControl® - Humane Hatch Control for Birds

Innolytics, LLC has developed an innovative and humane technology to help control the population growth of resident Canada geese, as well as other pest avian species. The technology, developed in collaboration with the USDA/APHIS National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC), essentially represents oral contraception for birds. There is no comparable technology on the market in the USA today. The product is called *OvoControl*.

Resident Canada geese are those that do not migrate. Since migration is a learned behavior, the offspring of non-migrating geese also do not migrate. The resident populations of Canada geese have become a significant environmental issue, especially in the Northeast, Midwest and Northwestern U.S. and their numbers continue to grow unabated. In fact, the burgeoning population of resident birds now exceeds the number of their migrating cousins. Resident geese in larger numbers are a significant nuisance at parks, corporate centers, soccer fields, golf courses and private homes. The costs of clean up, contamination of lakes and watershed areas, and bird strikes – the collision of birds and aircraft – are major issues related to the overpopulation of resident birds.

In addition to resident geese other birds represent serious safety and bird strike hazards at both civilian and military airports. While the technology may not be appropriate for use directly at airports, it can be effectively used to reduce bird populations at neighboring sites, including landfills, parks, watershed and recreational areas.

EPA granted the first registration for the egg hatch control technology developed by Innolytics for resident Canada geese in 2005. Additional EPA registrations for pigeons and ducks are completed and development projects are underway in a range of other bird species.

Innolytics' *OvoControl* technology enjoys the full support of the leading animal welfare and conservation organizations in the US and abroad.

The core technology for *OvoControl* centers on the proven ability to significantly decrease the hatchability of eggs by feeding treated bait to birds during the reproductive season. The effect is fully reversible and care has been taken to develop a feeding system, which will limit exposure to non-target species. The USDA conducted extensive research on this technology and continues to evaluate further applications in other pest species.

Innolytics, LLC is a privately held company founded by two veterans of the animal health industry. The company focuses on developing humane population management technology for wildlife. For more information see the company website at www.hatchcontrol.com or call Erick Wolf at 858.759.8012.

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