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## New bird repellent approved

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Avian Control, a new patent-pending bird repellent product, has received approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is now being used at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

The new product contains "food grade" ingredients, listed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as being safe and non-toxic while demonstrating greater efficacy, according to company officials, who note Avian Control distinguishes itself from previously available bird repellent products with its:

- Applicability via fog or spray
- Enhanced rain resistance
- Increased period of effectiveness due to its ability to resist microbial and ultraviolet degradation

In November 2009, Avian Control underwent field-testing at DTW in which the product demonstrated a safe, more effective way to reduce environmental, aesthetic and safety problems associated with excessive numbers of birds in and around airports, company officials said.

"In developing Avian Control over the past four years we addressed all of the major problems associated with existing products – particularly water/rain runoff, period of effectiveness, and cost," said Technical Director Dan Kramer. "This aversion method can now be applied less often and in lesser quantity to better effect. One acre of land, for example, entails just 12-16 ounces of bird repellent at a cost of less than \$10."

Bird strikes are a safety concern for aviation, with tens of thousands of strikes causing more than \$600 million annually in damages. Moreover, aviary roosting entails a range of corrosive and health issues for both infrastructure and personnel.

The nation's more than 14,000 airports are in the process of developing and implementing new wildlife hazard management programs and solutions based on a recent mandate from the FAA.

Based in Sylvan Lake, Michigan (suburban Detroit), Avian Control Bird Repellent is manufactured (under contract from Avian Enterprises) by Stone Soap Co. For more information: 800-952-7627 or [SolveYourBirdProblems.com](http://SolveYourBirdProblems.com)

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