

## **Example Proposal (Use for proper formatting):**

### **“HAVING A BLAST”: UPDATE ON THE USE OF PYROTECHNICS**

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Explosive Pest Control Devices (EPCDs) are regulated explosives that fall under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). EPCDs, or more commonly referred to as “pyrotechnics”, have been used for many years by airport and wildlife personnel to harass birds away from aircraft movement areas in order to reduce aircraft/wildlife collisions. Although a fairly common tool in wildlife management programs, the use of pyrotechnics requires a thorough understanding of the key issues prior to their use. Recent decisions by the ATF that regulate the use of pyrotechnics are critically important to airports and the aviation industry. Factors to address before integrating pyrotechnics into an airport’s wildlife hazard management plan include: (1) regulations, (2) licensing/permitting requirements, (3) storage, records, and reporting requirements, (4) transportation requirements, (5) types of devices and launchers, (6) effective use on different wildlife species, (7) safety, and (8) training.

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#### **Preparing the proposal:**

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