

ATION  
USA  
FILM  
INHIBITOR-PATENT  
INHIBITOR



**HIGH PERFORMANCE VpCI® PACKAGING**

# CASE HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

## Case History #396: Compostable Bags for Minnesota Zoo

**CASE HISTORY**  
**Minnesota Zoo Composting Program**

**BACKGROUND**  
The Minnesota Zoo is home to more than 3700 animals including over 500 different species located on over 500 acres of land in the Twin Cities area. Opening in 1976, the mission of the zoo is to connect people, animals, and the natural world. To support this initiative, the zoo recently formed a Green Team to promote various activities aimed at sustainability. One of these initiatives was to develop a composting program to reduce the amount of waste they produce.

**GOAL**  
The goal of the new composting program was to divert food waste at the zoo, and reduce the trash that is taken into area landfills. To start the composting program, the zoo staff began testing various compostable plastics to see which best fit their needs. They found that Eco Film® met all of their requirements, and allowed them to use a product produced by a fellow Minnesota organization.

**IMPLEMENTATION**  
In the spring of 2011, the program was implemented using Eco Film® for food waste created by employees, staff, and the catering service. It was also used during their summer Zoo-Camp and there are plans to expand this for food waste throughout the zoo. This green initiative is just one example of how the Minnesota Zoo is a true leader in our state and one that is focused on adopting practices that enables them to minimize their environmental impact.

**DATE**  
August 2011

**CUSTOMER**  
Minnesota Zoo

**LOCATION**  
Apple Valley, MN

**PRODUCTS**  
Eco Film®

4119 White Bear Parkway, St. Paul MN 55110 USA  
Phone (651) 429-1100, Toll free (800) 4-CORTEC  
Fax (651) 429-1122, Email: info@cortecvc.com  
www.cortecvc.com

ISO 9001 9/2011  
Printed on recycled paper / 100% Post Consumer

**CORTEC**  
CORPORATION  
Environmental Safe VpCI®/MCI® Technologies

About 10 years ago, the Minnesota Zoo formed a “Green Team” to promote sustainable initiatives at the zoo. One of these projects was to start an organic waste diversion program. The goal was to cut down on garbage taken to landfills by diverting food waste for composting. The staff tested a variety of compostable plastics and found that Cortec’s Eco Film® met all their requirements for collecting and composting food waste. In 2011, the staff implemented the program using Eco Film® to collect food waste from employees and the zoo’s catering service. Eco Film® was also used during their summer Zoo Camp, with plans to expand use throughout the zoo.

To read the full case history, please visit: [https://www.corteccehistories.com/?s2member\\_file\\_download=access-s2member-level1/ch396.pdf](https://www.corteccehistories.com/?s2member_file_download=access-s2member-level1/ch396.pdf)



4119 White Bear Parkway, St. Paul MN 55110 USA  
Phone (651)429-1100, Toll free (800) 4-CORTEC  
Fax (651) 429-1122, Email: info@cortecvc.com  
www.cortecvc.com

