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**‘FALCON CAM’ GOES LIVE AT NIPSCO’S R.M. SCHAHFER  
GENERATING STATION**

*Web Surfers Offered Live, Birds-Eye View of Peregrine Falcons*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – A web camera that allows viewers to watch peregrine falcons nest and rear their young has been installed at the Unit 14 stack at Northern Indiana Public Service Company’s (NIPSCO) R.M. Schahfer Generating Station in Wheatfield, Ind.

Refreshed with live images every 10 seconds, the camera can be accessed by logging onto [www.nisource.com/enviro/falcon.asp](http://www.nisource.com/enviro/falcon.asp). The Web camera is a joint project spearheaded by NiSource Environmental Health & Safety and NIPSCO. Presently, there are five eggs in the nest at RMSGS. In addition, falcons are nesting three eggs at NIPSCO’s Michigan City Generating Station and four eggs at Bailly Generating Station.

“We’re pleased to provide a safe habitat to the falcons and committed to working with the Department of Natural Resources to ensure their well-being,” said Jerry Weeden, NIPSCO Vice President of Generation. “The web cam is a great way to learn more about these magnificent birds and to share their development with others, including with schools throughout Northwest Indiana whom we encourage to log on.”

Peregrine falcons have nested at RMSGS since 1998, fledgling 20 young falcons. The female, named “Latesha,” was fledged in 1999 at a power plant in Wisconsin, and has nested at RMSGS since 2001. Her mate, known as “Rollin,” has nested at RMSGS since 1998. Latesha is Rollin’s third mate in the eight years that she’s nested at the station.

“As ledge-nesters, peregrines will use nest boxes, which provide a safe place to lay eggs,” said John Castrale, wildlife biologist for the Division of Fish & Wildlife at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. “NIPSCO staff has been very accommodating to the peregrines and we are appreciative of being able to place nest boxes at power plants to monitor the birds.”

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The first recorded nesting of the peregrine falcon in Indiana occurred in 1989, beneath the Cline Avenue overpass in East Chicago. Since then, the story of the peregrine's recovery in Indiana has been a series of successes, which have led to the establishment of 12 breeding pairs and more than 230 off-spring fledged from nests located on everything from smokestacks to skyscrapers. The peregrine falcon was removed from the federal list of endangered species in 1999.

**About NIPSCO**

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