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# Dynamic Smart Targets Reduce Utility Costs and Prevent Losses

General Mills

General Mills implemented a smart target dashboard using production and weather regression models to set dynamic utility targets at its Hannibal, MO, plant. Realtime monitoring flags deviations and drives rapid fixes, reducing utility expenses by approximately $500,000.

- Resolved water tower overuse, avoiding $180,000 in estimated annual expenses
- Corrected steam cooker losses on pace to waste nearly $200,000 annually
- Flagged compressor issue, saving approximately $8,000 per month in electricity costs