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SENT VIA E-MAIL

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RE: Green Bay Dressed Beef, LLC
Acme Plant
Chemical Spill Report – SERTS #20191017NE05-1

Dear Mr. Richard Joslin:

Regarding your request for information on the 10-17-19 ammonia release, we have completed our investigation and are providing the details in the response below.

What and Where the Spill Happened

The incident occurred on 10-17-19 at approximately 9:35am when an employee was performing an ammonia pump out procedure from the Facility's ammonia refrigeration system. A valve started leaking during the procedure causing 4,995 lbs. of the ammonia to be released to atmosphere. Based on the quantity released and attached product SDS (See Tab 2), the reportable quantity of the substance was exceeded.

How it was Fixed and Remedial Actions Taken

Immediate verbal notification was made via telephone to the National Response Center (NRC), Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), and Local Emergency Response Center (LEPC). Local neighborhoods were contacted via GBPD to "Stay-in-place" as a precautionary measure.

Green Bay Metro Fire Emergency responders arrived at the release site at 09:54am. Green Bay HAZMAT arrived at 10:03am and with the assistance of Bassett Mechanical and a few members of the AFG maintenance team, donned their PPE and began a sweep of the plant to ensure all employees were safely evacuated.



How it was Fixed and Remedial Actions Taken (Continued)

Green Bay Dressed Beef, LLC Refrigeration technicians used the electronic monitoring software to ensure the remaining chemical was depleted as the HAZMAT team flushed with water to knock down the ammonia plume.

Collection and cleanup of knockdown water was handled by the HAZMAT team at shipping dock trailer pad (1-4) where they covered the stormwater drain to prevent ammonia concentrated fallout water to enter.

Emergency responders contained the release between 10:48 (Hazmat radio transmission) / 10:51am Leadership notification huddle at Cordon point 1.

The HAZMAT team was given the approval by the HAZMAT Commander to uncover the drain after they determined dilution/evaporation was at a safe level. "Stay-in-place" measure lifted.

The affected tank valve (#2A170194) from Cooler 7 Re-circulator was then removed from service that same weekend and all remaining lines were routed to the new system without further incident.

All check and port valves have been verified and added to the Maintenance Preventative Maintenance checklist with all applicable identification numbers per Green Bay Dressed Beef, LLC. Process Safety Management program standards.

Please see the figures and photo documentation in Tab 1 for additional documentation of the locations and remedial activities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at Jbowers@americanfoodsgroup.com or 920-436-4215 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bowers

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Green Bay Dressed Beef, LLC – Acme Plant

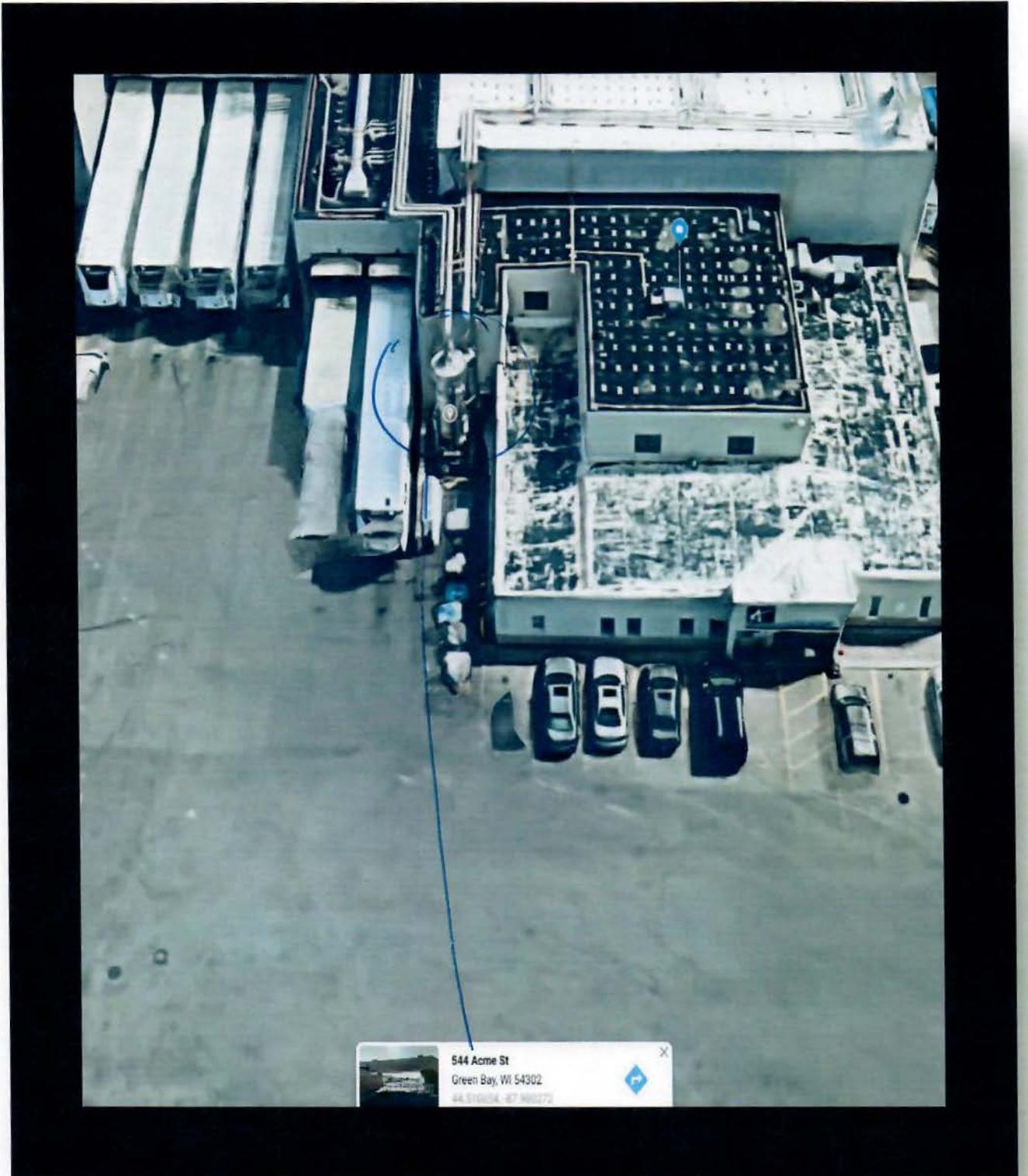
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Tab 1

Location Maps and Pictures

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