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Division of Water Resources
Jackson Field Office

September 18, 2020

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
1625 Hollywood Drive
Jackson, TN. 38305
Attn: Dan Hatch

TMSF TNR056328

Re: Spill Report

Dear Mr. Hatch,

As per our telephone conversation on 09/09/2020, Bongards Creameries South, LLC had a spill of cheese and water. Bongards has cleaned up the spilled solution and implemented corrective measure to eliminate any reoccurrences. Details are as follows:

The Incident: Bongards Creameries South, LLC (aka "Bongards") had a tanker spotted on the property to hold liquids from the sanitation process of the cheese production lines (See Photo P1). This tanker is pumped out and disposed by Terra Renewal, a waste recycling company. On 09/04/2020, a driver from Terra Renewal left the bottom "bleed off valve" partially open after emptying the tanker (See Photo P2). Late in the evening of 09/08/2020, Bongards' sanitation placed liquids (cheese and water) into the tanker as part of the normal production line(s) "clean-up process". Early afternoon on 09/09/2020, Bongards maintenance employee noticed liquid on the concrete under the tanker. Upon review, it was observed that the bottom "bleed off valve" was partially open. The maintenance employee closed the valve and called his supervisor. Bongards estimates the amount released for the tanker to be less than 100 gallons. The cheese and water had entered Bongards Stormwater Outfall #002. The cheese and water had mixed with HVAC condensate drainage in the outfall and left the "property line."

Clean-up: Temporary check dams were created with bags of floor dry to contain the flow in Outfall #002. A third party vacuum truck was contacted to clean-up and dispose the cheese and water captured by the check dams (See Photo P4, P5). The cheese and water solution traveled less than 100 feet past the property line and was contained by low spots in the roadside ditch. The low spots allowed all the cheese and water to be captured (See Photo P6, P7, P8).

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Corrective measure(s): Bongards removed the tanker on 09/17/2020. The Equalization Tank (aka: EQ Tank) in the wastewater treatment system will be used as a replacement for the tanker. The EQ Tank is a 12,000 gal tank with level controls and secondary containment around it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 731.562.2222.

Sincerely,



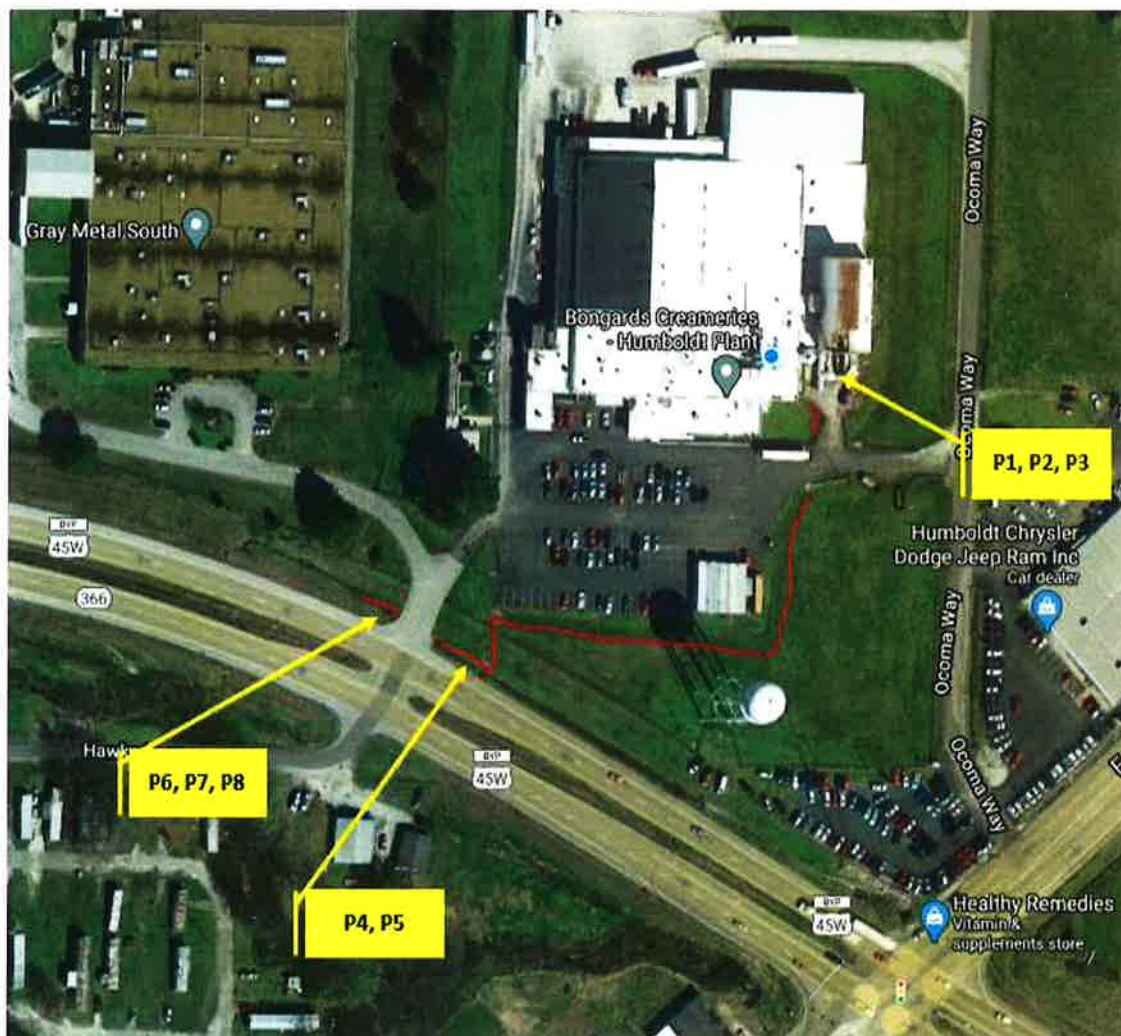
Jeff D. Haynes

EHS Manager

Bongards Creameries South, LLC

Attachments.

CC: C. Anderson - Bongards Corporate
G. Seehafer - Bongards South
File (JH)



Spill Area (red line)

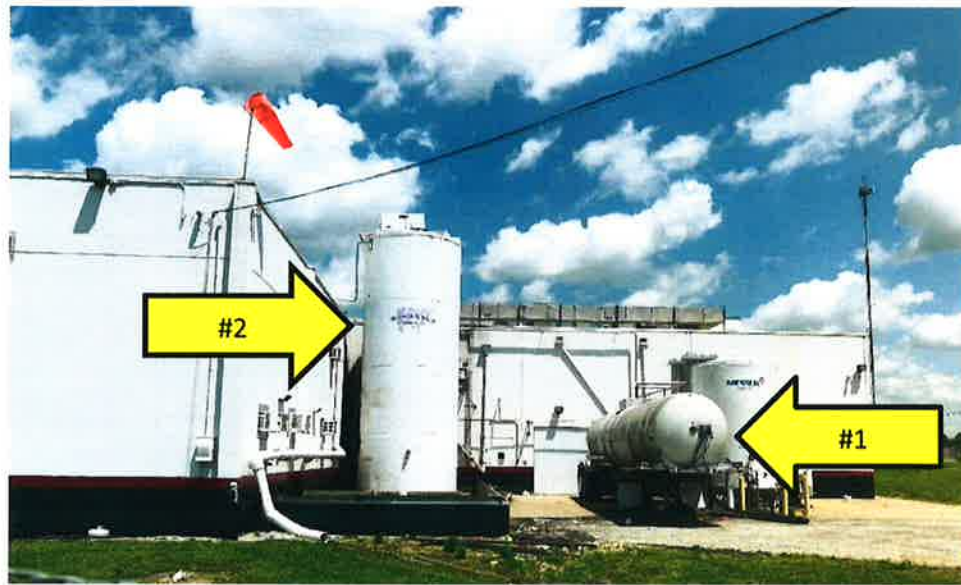


Photo P1

- 1 – Tanker for holding sanitation solution for recycling off site.
- 2 – EQ Tank



Photo P2

- 3 – Bleed off valve that was left open. (It is shown partially submerged in the bucket)

