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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report of a leachate leak, based on Chiquita's current knowledge of the event:

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill

0. 0. The leak was discovered on April 21, 2025, at approximately 2:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. Characteristically non-hazardous leachate/foam leaked from a leachate tank and vacuum line in Grid 95. The leachate from the leak did not leave the footprint of the landfill and did not reach any stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill

2. 2. Matt Ruiz and Chris Arciga

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions

0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita and contractor personnel immediately collected the leachate/foam and placed it into a 55-gallon drum with a lid. Chiquita then vacuumed any standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred

- \* Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that there was a pump failure that pushed air through the force main into the clarifying tank (D1), which caused foam and ultimately resulted in the leak. The foam also entered the vacuum line on the back of the tank and leaked out of the loose hose that was connected to the vacuum line. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

0. 0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 3 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate/foam leaked.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- \* Chiquita took the corrective actions to clean and remove the leak as described in response to question number

four. No additional corrective action was necessary to clean/remove the leak.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- \* Chiquita will hard pipe the vacuum line to the tanks located in the Canyon D tank farm to prevent loose connections to the hoses, to minimize the potential for future leaks. Chiquita estimates that all vacuum lines will be hard piped to the tanks in Canyon D by April 23, 2025.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- \* There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. Chiquita operates the equipment that leaked.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- \* There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. However, Chiquita tank farm personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- \* There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. Additionally, note that Chiquita has begun tracking this information as of April 16, the date of issuance of the modified SOFA.

Regards,

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