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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a spill of leachate post treatment from a pipe in grid 137:

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

0. The spill was discovered on September 2, 2025, at approximately 2:20 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Treated leachate spilled from a pipe in grid 137. Liquid from the spill did not leave the landfill footprint and did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita staff closed the poly valve to stop the flow of liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that during the truck loading process, Chiquita personnel unintentionally opened the poly valve that led to a pipe that was still under construction and therefore uncapped. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 35 gallons of treated leachate spilled from the pipe.

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

0. Absorbent was added to the affected area to contain the liquid. The third-party contractor then disposed of the soiled absorbent material and Chiquita's tank farm personnel power washed the liner and collected and placed the wash water into a tank.

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

0. A cap was added to the pipe while it is under construction. Chiquita is in the process of updating and differentiating the types of valves on the lines used for truck loading and intends to complete this work by September 10, 2025.

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

1. Chiquita personnel were involved in the root cause of this spill.

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

2. The individuals involved in the root cause of this spill have been trained on applicable operations to avoid spills and leaks.

(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.

- One individual was involved in the root cause of a previous spill.

Regards,

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