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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 leak of treated leachate associated with Tanks L13-61 and L13-62 from a valve in Tank Farm 13:

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

0. The leak was discovered on September 25, 2025, at approximately 2:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Treated leachate leaked from a valve at Load out Rack #1 in Tank Farm 13 within grid 250. Liquid from the leak 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 personnel immediately closed the valve leading to the pump which stopped the flow of liquids.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak occurred due to a mechanical failure of the valve on the pump. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1/3 of a gallon of treated leachate from tanks L13-61 and L13-62 leaked from the valve.

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

1. In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area affected by the leaked liquid. The absorbent was removed and placed in a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 1 hour.

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

0. Chiquita personnel will ensure that valves are working properly on all pumps.

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

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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

2. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita 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.

• No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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