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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a pipe located within Tank Farm 13:

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

0. The spill was discovered on September 25, 2025, at approximately 12:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous leachate spilled from a pipe located in Tank Farm 13, located within grid 235. The spill did not leave the landfill footprint and did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. The liquid from the spill was fully contained within secondary containment.

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

1. Matt Rodarte

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

0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita's contractor immediately closed the valve to stop 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 when moving an 8-inch forcemain into the containment area of Tank Farm 13, the valve on the uncapped cleanout was moved slightly to the open position. This allowed liquid to flow from the pipe onto the liner within secondary containment located in Tank Farm 13. This spill is attributable to contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from the pipe into the secondary containment.

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

1. In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck removed all standing liquid from the secondary containment. The liquid was then sent for treatment through the site's granular activated carbon unit. Chiquita personnel then applied absorbent to the remaining areas impacted by the spill. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for hazardous waste, and fresh soil was added to the area. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 45 minutes.

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

0. Chiquita personnel will ensure that all clean outs are plugged and capped throughout Tank Farm 13 during the removal process.

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

1. A Chiquita contractor was 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. Chiquita does not provide training to third parties; however, Chiquita personnel has 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 involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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