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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C–Tank D1 that occurred as a result of a pneumatic pump malfunction located in grid 94:

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

0. The leak was discovered on October 27, 2025, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from a tank, located within grid 94, due to a pneumatic pump malfunction. Liquid from the leak remained on the tank liner; it did not leave the tank liner or reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Salvador Carranza

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel adjusted the vacuum pressure, increasing the vacuum to allow the pressure to be relieved.

(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 pneumatic pump on the Group C line malfunctioned, causing foam to form in the forcemain and subsequently into the tank, resulting in an accumulation of pressure within the tank. The accumulated pressure then caused foam and liquid to exit the tank and to leak onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 40 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous

leachate foam and liquid associated with Group C, Tank D1 leaked from the tank.

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

1. In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita immediately deployed a vacuum truck to remove the standing liquids and then pressure washed the liner. The collected liquid was sent through the granular activated carbon treatment unit. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed in approximately 15.5 hours.

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

0. Chiquita personnel will continue to regularly inspect the pneumatic 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 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 were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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