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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 hazardous liquids associated with group A from north sump #4 in grids 79 and 80:

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

0. The leak was discovered on November 5, 2025, at approximately 8:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous liquid leaked from north sump #4 located within grids 79 and 80. Liquid from the leak reached the stormwater channel, but no liquid reached either stormwater basin.

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

1. Tom Roe

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel placed fresh soil on top of the liquid to stop and contain the flow of liquid. The liquid in the stormwater channel was contained by a soil check dam.

(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 installed in north sump #4 was not able to maintain appropriate accumulation levels, and as a result, liquids pooled and flowed from the sump into the stormwater channel. This pump has since been replaced with a Lorentz pump as explained below. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 49 gallons of hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from north sump #4, of which approximately 45 gallons reached the stormwater channel.

(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 the north side

sump to draw down the liquid. The vacuum truck also removed standing liquid from the stormwater channel. The liquid was then treated using the landfill's granular activated carbon treatment system. Soil from the impacted area was placed in a roll off bin for proper disposal. The stormwater channel was then pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 2-3 hours.

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

0. Chiquita personnel replaced the pneumatic pump with a Lorentz pump and will also begin conducting routine dewatering of the sump.

(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.

Thank you,

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