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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 liquid associated with Groups A and B, East Perimeter, and North Perimeter from a forcemain located in grid 236.

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

0. The leak was discovered on December 7, 2025, at approximately 3:53 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Hazardous liquid associated with Groups A and B. East Perimeter, and North Perimeter leaked from a forcemain located in grid 236. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel nor the 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 closed the valves to stop the flow of liquid to the ball valve.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party contractor installed the ball valve on the forcemain incorrectly. This forcemain had not been used since installation. This leak is attributed to contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 800 gallons of hazardous liquid associated with Group A and B. East Perimeter, and North Perimeter leaked from the forcemain.

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

1. Chiquita commenced cleanup immediately and deployed a vacuumed truck to remove all pooling liquid from the dual contained liner and upper tier of tank farm 13. The guzzler cleanup crew arrived the next morning to power wash the liner, as after-dark cleanup was unsafe. Power washing the same day would have extended into nighttime. Cleanup was completed within approximately 23 hours.

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

2. Chiquita personnel discussed this event with the third-party contractor. Chiquita will use best efforts to ensure contractors verify connections before newly-installed forcemains are used within the tank farms.

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

0. A third-party contractor was 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

1. Chiquita does not provide training to contractors; however, Chiquita discussed proper procedures with the contractor involved, and 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.

To Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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