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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main hose fitting in the north sump located in grid 145.

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

0. The leak was discovered on January 14, 2026, at approximately 7:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a force main hose fitting in the north sump located in grid 145. Liquid from the leak did not enter 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 created a soil berm to contain the leachate.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that, despite regular inspections, the fitting failed and broke in a manner that prevented proper clamping, ultimately resulting in the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked, all of which was contained on the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly deployed a vacuum truck to remove all standing liquid. The standing liquid will be treated using the landfill's granular activated carbon treatment system. All affected soil was then removed and placed in a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour. The fitting was also replaced.

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

1. Inspections focusing on this type of equipment will continue to be performed.

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

0. 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

1. 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.

- 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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