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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM tank #8 in Tank Farm 7.

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

- The spill was discovered on January 15, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically Non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM tank #8 spilled from the belly valve of a third-party tanker truck located in Tank Farm 7. Liquid from the spill 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;

- Upon discovering the spill, the pump was shut off and the tanker truck's belly valve was closed.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that while leachate was being loaded into the third-party tanker truck, personnel operated the pump motor at an RPM that was too high for the liquid volume/head conditions of the tank being emptied. The pump had been running at an elevated RPM to empty a different tank, but when personnel switched to a new tank, they did not reduce the RPM to account for the higher head pressure/liquid volume. As a result, the tanker filled more quickly than expected and leachate spilled from the tanker's belly valve. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 3 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Tank Farm 7, LCM, tank #8 spilled from the tanker truck.

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

- Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill and then removed the soiled

absorbent and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

- Chiquita's tank farm personnel were retrained on the relevant Standard Operating Procedures following the spill.

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

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The individuals involved in the root cause of this spill were previously 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 spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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