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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a pipe located in grid 227.

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

0. The spill was discovered on January 16, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from a pipe located in grid 227. 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;

0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita's third-party contractor pinched the pipe to stop the flow of liquid and 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 the leachate spilled while a third-party contractor was attempting to pinch off a pipe and cap it because the pipe was no longer going to be used. During that process, equipment used to support the pipe clipped the cleanout, causing liquid in the pipe to spill onto the lined landfill surface and partially onto the perimeter road. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 7 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A in grid 227 spilled from the pipe.

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

- Chiquita personnel promptly removed the impacted soil and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Fresh

soil was then added to the impacted area. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

1. Chiquita personnel discussed this event with the third-party contractor. Chiquita will continue to use best efforts to ensure its contractors properly pinch pipes before they are capped.

(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 spill.

(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 spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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