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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 from a third-party tanker truck located in grid 251.

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

- The spill was discovered on January 20, 2026, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a third-party tanker truck located in grid 251. 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;

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

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the leachate spilled from a riser on the third-party tanker truck, and secondary containment was not positioned correctly beneath the tanker trailer, allowing the leachate to reach the ground. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from the trailer.

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

- Cleanup commenced immediately as described above and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed proper procedures with the contractor involved and will continue to ensure a container is placed beneath tanker trucks so that any liquid is contained and collected without reaching the ground.

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

- 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

- 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.

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