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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 well number 2461 located in grid 171.

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

0. The spill was discovered on January 29, 2026, at approximately 7:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate spilled in grid 171. 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 promptly shut off to stop the flow of liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred while a contractor was performing maintenance, during which isolated pressure in the line caused the threaded fitting and pressure gauge to fail. Chiquita attributes this spill to contractor operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the area impacted by the spill. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced

immediately and was completed within approximately 8 hours.

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

0. Chiquita will use best efforts to ensure contractors avoid pressure isolation where possible.

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

0. A 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, the contractor involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of leachate leaks or spills.

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