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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 approximately 1 tablespoon of characteristically hazardous leachate from a third-party tanker truck located in Tank Farm 13, Grid 236.

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

0. The spill was discovered on January 29, 2026, at approximately 11:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid spilled from a third-party tanker truck located in the upper tier of Tank Farm 13, Grid 236. 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, Chiquita personnel promptly secured the connection between the ball valve and the camlock fitting 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 because the ball valve connection to the camlock fitting was not tight enough, which allowed the leachate to spill from the threads at the connection point onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 tablespoon of characteristically hazardous liquid spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was promptly deployed to remove all standing liquid from the liner. 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;

0. Chiquita will continue to review the relevant Standard Operating Procedures with Chiquita personnel and third-party contractors.

(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 its contractors; however, Chiquita has discussed the proper procedures with the third party. 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether this third-party contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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