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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 less than one gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate from a hose associated with well number CV-24009 located in grid 185.

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

- The spill was discovered on January 29, 2026, at approximately 12:45 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid spilled from a hose associated with well number CV-24009 located in grid 185. 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 related pipe was immediately turned upwards to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred when a contractor was performing maintenance on a wellhead and inadvertently left an upright-facing pipe unsecured, which caused the pipe to rotate downward and liquid to spill from a connected hose. 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 liquid spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted soil was promptly removed and placed 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 will continue to use best efforts to ensure spill pans are used during such maintenance to contain liquid from leaks or spills.

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

- 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

- 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.

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

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