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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 associated with tank numbers 47-48 from a third-party tanker truck located in Tank Farm 13.

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

0. The spill was discovered on January 30, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a third-party tanker truck located in Tank Farm 13 onto the liner. Leachate 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 valve was immediately shut to stop the flow and the remaining leachate was pumped into the tanker truck.

(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 a valve was inadvertently left open, causing a spill onto the liner while connecting a hose. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

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

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the spilled leachate was immediately vacuumed off the liner. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 minute.

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

0. Chiquita dismissed the third-party driver involved in the root cause of this spill.

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

0. A third-party driver 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 third parties; however, 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 driver has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill; however, as noted about, this third-party driver has been dismissed.

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