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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 leak of less than 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a rubber well boot located near well number 2008 in grid 187.

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

0. The leak was discovered on January 30, 2026, at approximately 3:10 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a rubber well boot located near well number 2008 in grid 187. Liquid from the leak 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;

0. Upon discovering the leak, clean fill dirt was applied to the impacted area.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a deteriorated rubber well boot. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted fill dirt was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

1. Chiquita intends to replace the existing rubber well boots with more resistant well boots.

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

0. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel has 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.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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