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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 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a wellhead related to the West Side Sump 2 in Grid 201.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 2, 2026, at approximately 1:42 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked onto the liner from a wellhead related to the West Side Sump 2 in Grid 201. 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, Chiquita personnel immediately repositioned the related hose and tightened the bolts on the wellhead 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, it appears that a stretched hose caused liquid to leak from a fitting at the wellhead. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the hose was refitted at the connection. The liner was then cleaned and wash water was removed and placed into tanks for treatment through the granular activated carbon treatment system. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

1. Chiquita will continue to inspect well fields and implement appropriate corrective action as needed in accordance with the Stipulated Order.

(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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