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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 in grid 178 of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a pipe related to well number CV-2206.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 3, 2026, at approximately 6:40 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A spilled from a pipe related to well number CV-2206 onto dirt on the geosynthetic cover in grid 178. 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 elevated the pipe and replaced the cap 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 while a 6-inch capped pipe was being moved. The straps along the pipe shifted and applied pressure to the cap, causing it to dislodge and spill liquid. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10-15 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted dirt was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes.

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

0. Chiquita discussed with the relevant contractor that straps should be positioned farther from pipe ends and caps.

(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, appropriate practices to minimize the potential for leaks and spills is regularly discussed. 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.

- To Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leak or spill.

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