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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate in Tank Farm 7, Grid 246.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 2, 2026, at approximately 4:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled from a containment pan in Tank Farm 7, Grid 246. 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, absorbent was promptly applied to the area impacted by the spill.

(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 conducting maintenance on a valve containing leachate, when residual liquid drained into a containment pan. The containment pan then broke under the weight of the valve and line, causing liquid to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 5 hours.

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

0. Chiquita retrained personnel on situational awareness and proper use of secondary containment during valve maintenance to minimize the potential for spills.

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

0. Chiquita personnel were 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. The individual involved in the root cause of this spill had previously been trained on the 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, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of leachate leaks or spills.

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