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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 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous condensate from a force main pipe located in grid 176 near well number CV-2432.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 3, 2026, at approximately 3:10 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous condensate spilled from a force main pipe located in grid 176 near well number CV-2432. 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, the impacted dirt was promptly removed.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, while repairing a force main pipe, residual pressure inside that pipe appears to have forced liquid out, causing a spill. The liquid flowed beyond the containment pan and spilled onto the ground outside the pan. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous condensate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted dirt was placed into a container for proper

disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 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 deflection measures should be used to direct liquid into the containment pan during pressure release.

(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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether this third-party contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a condensate leak or spill.

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