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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 characteristically hazardous liquid from a pipe near well number CV-24174 in grid 163.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 5, 2026, at approximately 10:44 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid leaked from a pipe near well number CV-24174 in grid 163. 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;

0. John Boucher

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

0. Upon discovering the leak, industrial-grade adhesive tape was applied to the pipe's end cap pending permanent repair.

(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 occurred because the end cap of the pipe failed, due to the pipe being positioned at a downward angle and increased pressure in the line when all three flares were simultaneously offline. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous liquid leaked.

(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, and the end cap and pipe was elevated to stop liquid from collecting. 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 will continue to inspect piping 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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