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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 associated with LCM-01, manifest CCL006274-M, in Tank Farm 7, Grid 246.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 5, 2026, at approximately 5:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM-01 spilled onto dirt on the liner 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 when a third-party tanker truck's bleeder valve was partially left open due to a missing handle, causing liquid to spill onto dirt on the liner. 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 2 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM-01, manifest CCL006274-M, spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent and impacted dirt were placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

0. Chiquita discussed with the relevant third-party contractor replacement of the valve handle and visual verification that the valve is fully closed.

(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 leachate leak or spill.

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