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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 associated with well number CV-2319 in grid 53.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 5, 2026, at approximately 10:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with well number CV-2319 leaked onto the liner in grid 53. 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. Eric Arias

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, the leak was immediately directed to a containment pan to capture the remaining liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, liquid appears to have collected at a low point in the line where a temporary cap was in place and then leaked from the capped section onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid leaked onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the area impacted by the leak. The soiled absorbent was then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within less than 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita discussed with the third-party contractor additional best practices that could be implemented to reduce the likelihood of recurrence, including elevating the line or using more permanent fused or bolted end caps.

(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 routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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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