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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 leachate associated with Group A related to well number CV-2550 in grid 149.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 5, 2026, at approximately 10:55 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A related to well number CV-2550 spilled onto the liner in grid 149. 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;

0. Upon discovering the spill, the line was immediately capped to stop the flow of liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current information, while a third-party contractor was cutting into a 4-inch line, pressure higher than expected in the line appears to have caused liquid to spill outside the containment pan and onto the liner.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled 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 spill. The soiled absorbent was then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 15 minutes.

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

- The installation of the end cap should prevent further spillage. Chiquita is using best efforts to identify the cause of the elevated pressure in the line and to minimize the likelihood of recurrence.

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

0. No individuals 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. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this spill; 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 spill.

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