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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 leachate associated with Group A related to tank number 46 in Tank Farm 13, Grid 236.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 5, 2026, at approximately 10:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked onto the liner in the upper tier of Tank Farm 13, in Grid 236. 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;

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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 leak, Chiquita personnel immediately placed a containment pan under the related leaking valve and then replaced the failed valve and gasket 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 knowledge, the leak appears to have been caused by a failed valve and gasket on a vacuum line in Tank Farm 13, which resulted in liquid leaking 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 approximately 3 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate 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 and replacement of the valve and gasket was completed within approximately 11 hours.

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

- Chiquita will continue to conduct preventative maintenance and inspect the piping system 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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