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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 less than two ounces of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from piping associated with well CV-2413 in grid 185.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 6, 2026, at approximately 6:40 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from piping in grid 185. Liquid from the leak did not reach 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, personnel immediately placed a drip pan to contain any additional liquids that may leak from the degraded transition on the piping.

(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 as a result of a degraded transition between the stainless steel and HDPE piping. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 2 ounces of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from the piping.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted soil was removed and 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;

1. Chiquita replaced the fitting on the pipe. Chiquita will continue to perform regular inspections of the piping at the landfill to minimize the potential for similar leaks.

(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 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.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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