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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 8 ounces of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from partially opened valve (associated with well CV-24129) in grid 76.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 6, 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from a valve associated with well CV-24129 in grid 76. Leachate from the spill did not enter the stormwater channel or reach 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, the valve was immediately closed to stop the flow of liquid and excess liquid was contained into a bucket to ensure no more liquid reached the ground.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, when Chiquita personnel were pulling the pump from the well, the valve on the well was inadvertently partially opened. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 8 ounces of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from the partially opened valve.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita used absorbent wipes to clean the liquid which were then properly disposed. Cleanup was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

0. Chiquita re-trained the personnel on the additional appropriate precautions to be taken when opening valves to minimize the potential for spills, emphasizing the need for situational awareness and preventing accidental spills.

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

0. A member of Chiquita's personnel 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. The individual involved in the root cause of this spill had previously been trained on the 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.

- To the best of Chiquita's knowledge, the individual involved in this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of at least two leachate leaks or spills.

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