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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 16 ounces of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main near well CV-2412 in grid 184.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 7, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid leaked from a force main near well CV-2412 in grid 184. 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, a drip pan was immediately placed to contain any additional liquids that could have leaked from the force main, and the fitting on the force main was tightened.

(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 movement in the line that caused the stainless-steel fitting on the force main to loosen. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 16 ounces of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from force main.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita used absorbent to contain the liquid that had leaked on the liner, then removed the soiled absorbent and placed it 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 will continue to perform regular inspections of the piping at the landfill to minimize the potential for 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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