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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 approximately 2 ounces of treated leachate associated with tank number L13-63 onto the liner in Tank Farm 13, Grid 235.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 7, 2026, at approximately 3:25 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated leachate associated with tank number L13-63 spilled onto the liner in the upper tier of Tank Farm 13, Grid 235. 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;

- Upon discovering the spill, absorbent was promptly applied to the area impacted by the spill.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, before opening a valve to relieve pressure in a line, personnel had placed a containment pan to capture the liquid; however, the pressure appears to have caused approximately 2 ounces of the liquid to spill beyond the containment pan and onto the liner.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 ounces of treated leachate spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a

container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

0. Chiquita will continue to place containment pans during such activities to minimize the potential for spills, emphasizing the need for situational awareness.

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

0. Chiquita personnel 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. 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 Chiquita's knowledge, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of leachate leaks or spills.

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