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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 from a force main near well CV-2439 in grid 177.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 9, 2026, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid leaked from a force main near well CV-2439 in grid 177. Liquid from the leak did not leave the landfill's geomembrane covered area. 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 pinched the lines to stop the flow of liquid. Personnel also added absorbent to the impacted area to contain the liquid from the leak.

(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 because of movement further down the line. This movement caused the fitting or weld on the force main to loosen, resulting in a leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 30 gallons 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 described above, Chiquita removed the soiled absorbent and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Chiquita also pressure washed the cover while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of wash water. Clean up was completed in approximately 30 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 gas collection and control system 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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