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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 approximately 1/4 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a pipe related to the Parnell thermal oxidizer (TOx) in grid 30.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 9, 2026, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a pipe related to the Parnell TOx in grid 30. No liquid from the leak left the landfill footprint or entered 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, the pipe was inspected and the impacted soil was removed.

(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 been caused by a failed valve on a section of abandoned pipe. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1/4 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, impacted soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Liquids were properly removed from the pipe and placed into a raw tank for treatment through the granular activated carbon treatment system.

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

- Chiquita is continuing to remove sections of abandoned pipe from maintenance operations.

(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 has 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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