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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 1 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate associated with well number CV-1956N in grid 68.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 9, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Presumed characteristically hazardous leachate spilled in grid 68. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

0. Kevin Green

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- Upon discovering the spill, the impacted dirt was promptly removed.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, while a third-party contractor was transporting a pipe, residual liquid in the pipe appears to have spilled during transport; the contractor did not fully drain the liquid from the pipe prior to beginning work. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted dirt was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

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

0. Chiquita discussed with the relevant third-party contractor situational awareness and proper handling and transport procedure for pipes with the potential to contain residual liquids.

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

0. A third-party contractor 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. Chiquita does not provide training to its contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether this third-party contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

Matt Breuer

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