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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 1/2 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a line in grid 66.

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

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

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked during the removal of a pneumatic pump for maintenance operations as a result of a corroded section of the line in grid 66. 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;

0. Chiquita personnel.

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, the corroded line was placed into secondary containment, 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 corroded section of a line. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1/2 cup 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 and absorbent from the secondary containment was removed and placed 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;

- Chiquita will continue to use secondary containment during all maintenance operations where liquids may be expected to be present.

(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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