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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 cup of treated leachate from tank number L13-77, associated with manifest number RAD-208370, onto a secondary containment loadout pad in Grid 250.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 20, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated leachate from tank number L13-77, associated with manifest number RAD-208370, spilled onto the loadout pad in Grid 250. No liquid from the spill 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 spill, Chiquita personnel immediately used absorbent to soak up the residual liquid that spilled onto the loadout pad.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the spill occurred when a third-party truck driver was loading the treated leachate into a tanker truck without using a drip pan or other spill-prevention best practice. Residual treated leachate left in the tank cap from the prior loadout then spilled onto the secondary containment loadout pad. 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 cup of treated leachate from tank number L13-77, associated with manifest number RAD-208370, spilled onto the loadout pad in Grid 250.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was 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;

- Chiquita discussed with the third-party driver the need to have absorbent and a drip pan, or alternative means, in place to collect any liquid from tank caps during loadout to avoid spills. Chiquita will continue to discuss proper procedures to avoid spills.

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

0. A third-party driver 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party truck drivers; however, Chiquita discussed proper procedures with the driver involved, and 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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