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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 partially treated leachate associated with the east side DE Lead within the ECT2 treatment area in Grid 253.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 20, 2026, at approximately 7:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Partially treated leachate associated with the east side DE Lead within the ECT2 treatment area leaked onto the liner in Grid 253. Liquid from the leak did not enter 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, a drip pan with absorbent was immediately placed to absorb the liquid, and the leaking connection was taped.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a mechanical issue with the connection to the media drain valve caused liquid to leak onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 to 3 gallons of partially treated leachate associated with the east side DE Lead within the ECT2 treatment area leaked onto the liner.

(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;

- ECT2 continues to perform routine inspections across the treatment system to check for loose connections and tighten as needed. ECT2 will perform a thorough inspection of this unit when it is next offline.

(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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