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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 less than 1 ounce of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A and B from a pipe related to tank number C15 in Grid 130.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 22, 2026, at approximately 5:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A and B leaked onto the liner from a pipe related to tank number C15 in Grid 130. No liquid from the leak 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, it was immediately stopped and absorbent was applied to soak up the leachate from the lined area.

(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 slightly open valve caused a leak onto the lined area beneath an ECT2 clarifier. Chiquita has not determined the reason for the slightly opened valve.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 ounce of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked in Grid 130.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the ECT2 clarifier and the need for situational awareness with the third-party contractor. In addition, Chiquita will continue to inspect tank areas for leaks or spills and to implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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

- 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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