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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 approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A onto the tank farm liner in Tank Farm 13 located in Grid 236.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 23, 2026, at approximately 12:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled onto the tank farm liner in Tank Farm 13 located in Grid 236. 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. The spill immediately stopped by nature. Upon discovering the spill, absorbent was promptly applied to the impacted 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 leachate from shaker and carbon cleanout spilled from a bleeder valve while being unloaded into tank number U13-48, despite vacuum being applied. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled onto the tank farm liner in Grid 236.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed from the impacted area and placed it 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 situation with its third-party contractor, and 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 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to contractors; however, Chiquita discussed proper procedures with the contractor 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.

- This contractor had been previously involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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