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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 tank U13-18 in Tank Farm 13 located in Grid 234.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 23, 2026, at approximately 3:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank U13-18 spilled onto the tank farm liner in Grid 234. This leachate is associated with Groups A and B. 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;

0. Nancy Bahena-Hernandez

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

0. Upon discovering the spill, absorbent was applied to the impacted area. The spill was not ongoing at the time it was discovered.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears a third-party contractor inadvertently spilled leachate onto the liner of Tank Farm 13 while moving a hose connected to tank U13-18.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled onto the tank farm liner in Grid 234.

(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 into a container for proper disposal.

(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, including hose transfer procedures and situational awareness, to avoid spills. The hose connection was also inspected and tested. The hose successfully passed the drip test.

(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 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.

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

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