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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 1/2 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate on the perimeter road north of Grid 21.

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

0. The spill was discovered on February 24, 2026, at approximately 10:40 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Presumed characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a pipe associated with the north slope spilled onto the perimeter road just north of Grid 21. 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, 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 residual leachate in a pipe spilled onto the steep section of the perimeter road, while it was being transported by a contractor to the lay down yard. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1/2 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate spilled onto the perimeter road just north of Grid 21.

(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. 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 proper handling and transport procedures for pipes with the potential to contain residual liquids with its third-party contractor.

(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 other leachate spills.

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