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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 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate from a pipe into ponded water located in grid 83.

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

0. The spill was discovered on March 3, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Presumed characteristically hazardous leachate spilled into ponded water located in grid 83. Liquid from the spill did not reach 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;

- Upon discovering the spill, the third-party contractor immediately stopped moving the pipe to stop the flow of liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, while a third-party contractor was moving a pipe, the slip cap came loose, causing residual liquid in the pipe to spill. The contractor had not installed a hard cap prior to moving the pipe. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate spilled into 40 gallons of ponded water.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was promptly deployed to remove the liquid from the ponded water. The affected soil was also removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 hours.

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

0. Chiquita discussed with the relevant third-party contractor situational awareness and proper handling and transport procedure for pipes with the potential to contain residual liquids, including using hard caps.

(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

1. Chiquita does not provide training to its contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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.

- To Chiquita's knowledge, the contractor involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of leachate leaks or spills.

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