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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 characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main related to well number CV-2557 in grid 147 onto the liner.

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

1. The leak was discovered on March 2, 2026, at approximately 1:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from a force main related to well number CV-2557 in grid 147. 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 leak, the pump was promptly shut off and vacuum was applied to the well to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have occurred due to positive pressure in the system, which pushed air toward the wellhead and caused liquid to leak onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 15 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid

associated with Group A spilled onto the liner.

(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 all standing liquid from the liner. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita will continue to inspect wells, perform maintenance of its equipment, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed in accordance with the Stipulated Order.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- 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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