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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 liquid from the southeast corner of the East Basin.

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

0. The spill was discovered on March 3, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Liquid from the southeast corner of the East Basin spilled from a hose onto the asphalt adjacent to the basin and the soil.

(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 pump was promptly shut off 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, the spill appears to have occurred during a third-party contractor's investigation of a degraded hose. The line was inadvertently left unsecured, causing liquid to spill during the diagnostic process. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 15 gallons of liquid from the East Basin spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected soil was promptly removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. The road adjacent to the East Basin was also pressure washed while

applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita does not provide training to contractors; however, Chiquita personnel reminded the third-party contractor to properly secure the hose before beginning work.

(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 the best of Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leak or spill.

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