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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 0.5 to 1 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous liquid from a pipe in Grid 28A.

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

0. The spill was discovered on March 5, 2026, at approximately 2:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Presumed characteristically hazardous liquid spilled from a pipe in Grid 28A. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. Due to the nature of this spill, as detailed below, Chiquita is unable to confirm the group associated with this liquid.

(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;

- The third-party contractor who caused the spill immediately reported it to Chiquita, and the affected soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal.

(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 when a third-party contractor cut into a pipe for disposal before properly securing it, causing residual liquid remaining in the pipe to spill onto the ground. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 to 1 gallon of presumed characteristically hazardous liquid spilled from the pipe.

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

- As discussed above, the soil from the impacted area was removed and placed into a container for proper

disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

(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 discussed proper situational awareness with the third-party contractor, emphasizing the importance of foreseeing potential residual liquids and collecting any residual liquid with absorbent, if needed.

(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. 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, this contractor has been previously involved in the root cause of at least one other spill.

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