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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 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with U13-32-38, Manifest 021494138, onto the liner in Tank Farm 13 in Grid 235.

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

0. The spill was discovered on March 5, 2026, at approximately 9:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with U13-32-38, Manifest 021494138, spilled onto the liner in Tank Farm 13 in Grid 235. 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, the valve was immediately closed and absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area.

(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 driver disconnected a 3-inch hose from a tanker before the valve was fully closed. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with U13-32-38, Manifest 021494138, spilled onto the liner in Tank Farm 13.

(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 affected area and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed with the third-party the need to follow proper procedures to avoid spills and to wait for the appropriate signal before disconnecting hoses from tankers. In addition, the driver involved in the spill was instructed not to return to the site.

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

0. A third-party driver 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 third parties; however, Chiquita discussed proper procedures with the third party 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.

- To Chiquita's knowledge, this driver had not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate spill.

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