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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 approximately 0.5 gallons of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate likely associated with Group A from a pipe in grid 73.

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

0. The leak was discovered on March 6, 2026, at approximately 3:05 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Presumed characteristically hazardous leachate likely associated with Group A leaked from a pipe in grid 73. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel, perimeter road, 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 pinhole in the pipe was promptly patched and the affected soil was removed.

(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 been caused by a pinhole in an abandoned pipe containing residual liquid. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party contractor error.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons of presumed characteristically hazardous leachate likely associated with Group A leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected soil was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 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 discussed with the third-party contractor the importance of ensuring that all liquid is removed from a line before it is moved.

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

- A third-party contractor was 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

- 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 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether this third-party contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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