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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 0.25 gallons of partially treated hazardous leachate onto liner in Tank Farm 13, located in Grid 252.

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

0. 0. The spill was discovered on March 17, 2026, at approximately 8:25 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- \* Partially treated hazardous leachate spilled from a hose onto liner in Tank Farm 13, located in Grid 252. Liquid from the spill remained on the tank farm liner and 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 spill, the valve was immediately closed, and absorbent was applied to the affected area.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred when a third-party contractor was bleeding a line connected to a treatment vessel in order to remove trapped air. While bleeding the line, the hose slipped, causing a small volume of liquid to spill onto the tank farm liner. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.25 gallons of partially treated hazardous leachate spilled from the hose onto the tank farm liner.

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

- \* In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was promptly removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- \* Chiquita discussed with the relevant third-party contractor situational awareness and proper procedures for isolating and securing ARV valves to control bleeding to prevent similar spills.

(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 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 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.

- \* It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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