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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 characteristically hazardous leachate from a pipe located in Grid 44.

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

0. The spill was discovered on April 14, 2026, at approximately 8:40 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a pipe in Grid 44. Liquid from the spill did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

0. Felipe Gonzales.

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- Upon discovering the spill, a berm was built around the impacted pipe to contain the leachate, and the pipe was then pitched.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, a dozer operator inadvertently struck the pipe with his blade, causing leachate to spill from the pipe. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 20 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, clean soil was promptly applied to the affected area. The soil was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5.5 hours.

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

- Chiquita reviewed the incident with the operator, including a discussion of situational awareness and best practices for dozer operation, such as walking the slope to verify the location of pipes before proceeding.

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

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in this spill had previously received training on dozer operation and applicable operational procedures 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 the best of Chiquita's knowledge, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill had not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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