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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 1 cup of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A in Grid 177.

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

1. The leak was discovered on April 25, 2026, at approximately 7:40 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from a fitting on a vacuum line associated with a vacuum truck in Grid 177. Liquid from the leak 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 leak, the vacuum truck was turned back on to restore vacuum and stop the leak.

(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 due to a loose fitting on a vacuum line associated with a vacuum truck. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party mechanical equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from the fitting.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, liquids from the leak were removed using absorbent wipes. The soiled wipes were placed into a container for proper disposal. A drip pan was then proactively positioned beneath the area to contain any potential additional leakage. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within less than five minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to perform inspections to verify the condition of the vacuum line fittings. Moving forward, Chiquita also will use best efforts to ensure that third parties allow sufficient slack when working with long vacuum lines.

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

- No individuals were 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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; 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.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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