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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 an anticipated and actively managed pressurized leachate release (PLR) involving characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well CV-2310 located in Grid 177.

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

- The PLR occurred on April 30, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- The PLR involved characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well CV-2310 in Grid 177. Liquid from the PLR remained in the containment 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;

- Because the potential for a PLR was foreseeable during the well work, Chiquita personnel proactively implemented preventative measures before commencing the work to minimize the likelihood and potential extent of a PLR. Chiquita also placed containment measures at the well site, including a lined skirt with a berm, before commencing the work to contain any released liquid. After the PLR occurred, Chiquita personnel promptly used a vacuum truck connected to the new wellhead to capture released liquid, while replacing and sealing the wellhead to stop the PLR.

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

- There is no attributable error for this event. The potential for a PLR was anticipated and was being actively managed.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that well CV-2310 released up to 50 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A during the PLR.

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

- In addition to the measures detailed above, a contractor used a vacuum truck to collect free standing liquid. The berm and skirt that had been placed prior to the work were removed and placed in a container for proper disposal. The contractor pressure washed the liner while simultaneously applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita personnel replaced, bolted, and fully sealed the wellhead, which will prevent future releases.

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

- Chiquita personnel were involved in the well work associated with this PLR; however, the PLR resulted from conditions associated with the wellhead rather than from personnel error.

(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 the event had previously received training on applicable operational procedures to help prevent leaks and spills and to minimize both the likelihood and potential extent of a PLR. The occurrence of a PLR that was anticipated as a potential outcome of the work does not, by itself, indicate a failure to exercise reasonable care, particularly where preventative and containment measures were implemented in advance to minimize the risk and extent of the release.

(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.

- As noted above, although Chiquita personnel were involved in the well work associated with this PLR, the PLR resulted from conditions associated with the wellhead rather than from personnel error.

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