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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 associated with Group A from well CV-2540 onto the liner in Grid 165.

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

0. The spill was discovered on May 7, 2026, at approximately 8:47 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from the sampling port on the well head of well CV-2540 located in grid 165. 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;

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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, Chiquita personnel promptly closed the valve to stop the flow of liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred as a result of the sampling and maintenance port on the wellhead being left slightly ajar. Chiquita attributes this spill to likely third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate, including liquid and foam, associated with Group, A spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the foam and liquids were vacuumed. The impacted area of the liner was also pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the proper collection of all wash water. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita is installing a blind flange on the sampling port to prevent similar spills or leaks. Chiquita anticipates that this installation will be completed by May 8, 2026.

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

- To the best of Chiquita's current knowledge, a third-party contractor was likely 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 third-party 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine the identity of the individual involved in this spill or whether such individual has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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