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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 leachate associated with Group B in Grid 170.

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

0. The leak was discovered on May 7, 2026, at approximately 8:40 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group B leaked from a fitting on a forcemain in Grid 170. 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, Chiquita personnel immediately tightened the loose fitting to stop the flow of liquid.

(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 the forcemain. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment malfunction.

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

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

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the saturated soil was removed and placed into a container

for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 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 forcemain fittings.

(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 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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