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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 liquid associated with the North Perimeter from an air release valve (ARV) located in Grid 68.

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

0. The spill was discovered on May 11, 2026, at approximately 12:08 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with the North Perimeter spilled from the outfall valve on an ARV located in Grid 68. This ARV had a fully installed and operational liquid and vapor collection receptacle pursuant to Condition 98(a). 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 opened the outfall valve to allow the accumulated liquid to drain from the ARV's outfall valve to the leachate/condensate collection system, as designed, thus restoring the ARV to proper operation.

(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 because a third-party contractor closed the outfall valve on the ARV. As a result of the outfall valve being closed, liquids that had accumulated in the ARV were unable to drain through the ARV's outfall valve to the leachate/condensate system as designed. The accumulated liquid then backed up within the ARV and spilled out of the ARV and onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 8 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with the North Perimeter spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent soil was promptly applied to the area affected by the spill. The saturated soil was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. The affected area of the liner was then pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the proper collection of all wash water. 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 reminded the third-party contractors of the importance of ensuring that the outfall valve on the ARV remains open for proper operation.

(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 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 specific contractor involved in this spill or whether such contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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