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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 partially treated leachate associated with tank number U13-16 to U13-18 located in upper Tank Farm 13, Grid 234.

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

1. The leak was discovered on May 21, 2026, at approximately 10:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Partially treated leachate associated with tank number U13-16 to U13-18 leaked in upper Tank Farm 13, Grid 234. 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 flow of liquid was stopped by restarting the mini thermal oxidizer (TOx) blower and decreasing the aeration blower output.

(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 occurred due to a failure of the mini-TOx blower, which caused the aeration blower to push leachate out through the vented caps or covers on the aeration system. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10-15 gallons of treated leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 16 hours.

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

- Chiquita plans to install a signal cable between the mini-TOx blower and the aeration blower by May 23, 2026. The signal cable is intended to trigger the aeration blower to shut down or alarm if the mini-TOx blower is not functioning properly, thereby reducing the likelihood of a similar future event in the future.

(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 and reporting 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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