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All,

Pursuant to DTSC's email dated June 9, 2026, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides this report of a leak of approximately 0.5 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from a pipe fitting near well CV-55R in Grid 41.

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

1. The leak was discovered on June 15, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from a fitting on a pipe near CV-55R in Grid 41. 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;

1. Tom Roe

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- The leak was not ongoing at the time of discovery. Upon discovery, liquid from the leak was immediately wiped up.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a failure or loosening at the pipe fitting. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from the pipe fitting.

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

- In addition to the measures detailed above, Chiquita personnel promptly initiated cleanup of the affected area and sealed and tightened the pipe fitting. The initial cleanup occurred immediately upon discovery. Contractors subsequently pressure washed the affected area while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water. That work was completed the following day, June 16, 2026.

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

- Chiquita is in the process of dewatering pipes across the site, which will aid in the prevention of loose pipe fittings, ultimately helping to avoid similar leaks. Additionally, Chiquita will continue to perform inspections and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

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

1. 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

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention 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 the leak.

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