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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C, tank number D9 and D10, manifest number RAD-209834, from a tanker truck's breather valve at the outbound scale house.

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

0. The leak was discovered on July 29, 2026, at approximately 1:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C, tank number D9 and D10, manifest number RAD-209834, leaked from a tanker truck's breather valve at the outbound scale house. No liquid from the leak entered 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, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area. In addition, a containment tray with a layer of absorbent was placed below the tanker truck's belly valve. The valve was then opened to drain any residual liquid in the line.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a compromised gasket associated with the tanker truck's breather valve. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from a tanker truck's breather valve.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal, and the containment tray was properly cleaned. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 20 minutes.

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

- The third-party contractor will replace the compromised gasket associated with the tanker truck's breather valve.

(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 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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