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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 an anticipated and actively managed release involving characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2314 in Grid 154 during necessary work to perform permanent repairs to the well's infrastructure after the pressurized leachate release (PLR) on July 25, 2026.

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

- The release occurred on August 12, 2026, at approximately 7:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- The release involved characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2314 in Grid 154 during wellhead-replacement work. Liquid from the release did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- Chris Fear.

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

- Because the release was anticipated as part of the well-infrastructure upgrade, Chiquita personnel proactively implemented preventative measures before commencing the upgrade to minimize its duration and potential extent. After the release occurred, personnel promptly completed installation of a new CPVC flange adapter and knife gate valve and closed the knife gate valve to stop the flow of leachate. Chiquita personnel then used a vacuum truck to capture liquid and pressure washed the liner.

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

- There is no attributable error for this event. The potential for a release was anticipated and was proactively managed as part of necessary work to upgrade the well infrastructure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that well number CV-2314 released up to 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A during the well-infrastructure upgrade.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was used to collect free standing liquid. The liner below well CV-2314 was pressure washed while simultaneously applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately one hour.

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

- Chiquita completed the planned infrastructure upgrade by installing a new CPVC flange adapter and knife gate valve on well number CV-2314, providing a more secure mechanical barrier and allowing the well to be isolated in a controlled manner, thereby reducing the potential for a future release. Chiquita will continue to preemptively replace infrastructure at risk until the infrastructure upgrades are complete, inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

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

- Chiquita personnel were involved in the well work associated with this release; however, the release was an anticipated consequence of the well-infrastructure upgrade rather than personnel error.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the event had previously received training on applicable operational procedures to help prevent leaks and spills and to minimize both the likelihood and potential extent of a release. The occurrence of a release that was anticipated as part of necessary well-infrastructure work does not, by itself, indicate a failure to exercise reasonable care, particularly where the work was actively managed to minimize the duration and extent of the release.

(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.

- As noted above, although Chiquita personnel were involved in the planned well work associated with this release, the release was an anticipated consequence of the well-infrastructure upgrade rather than personnel error.

thank you

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