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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 non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from tank number D/SW-01, Tank Farm 10, in Grid 98.

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

- The spill occurred on September 8, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C spilled from tank number D/SW-01, Tank Farm 10, in Grid 98. Liquid from the spill did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Robert Aguilar.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the vent cap was immediately closed to stop the flow of leachate.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill occurred after liquid was directed to tank number D/SW-01 due to operational circumstances arising from a laboratory error to prevent overflow. Because the tank did not have sufficient vacuum to maintain the necessary negative pressure as liquid accumulated, the tank became pressurized. When the vent cap was opened, the resulting pressure differential caused leachate to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 3 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was applied to the affected area, which was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will add vacuum lines to ensure tank number D/SW-01 maintains the necessary vacuum and operates under negative pressure. The added vacuum lines will prevent pressure from building within the tank and reduce the likelihood of similar spills in the future.

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

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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