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All,

Upon further evaluation, Chiquita hereby revises and resubmits the following Condition 27(e) report, which was previously submitted on October 1, 2026, to indicate that well number CV-2558 experienced a pressurized leachate release (PLR) on September 29, 2026.

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 PLR involving characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2558 located in Grid 148.

- (1) the date and time of the leak or spill;
 - The PLR occurred on September 29, 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m.
- (2) area designation inspected;
 - The PLR involved characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2558 located in Grid 148. Liquid from the PLR remained in the containment and did not reach 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;
 - After the PLR, Chiquita personnel promptly isolated the wellhead by closing the upstream valve and shutting down the pump. Chiquita personnel then drilled a one-inch hole to repair the damaged fitting connection and installed a plug to seal the well.
- (5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;
 - Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the PLR appears to have resulted from a failed pump flange at the air supply connection. Although well CV-2558 had previously been identified as a PLR well, there were no indications of an imminent release, and no work was being performed at the well at the time of the event. Chiquita attributes this PLR to mechanical equipment failure.
- (6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
 - Chiquita conservatively estimates that well CV-2558 released approximately 100 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A during the PLR.
- (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 subsequently placed into a container for proper disposal. A vacuum truck was used to remove all standing liquid, and the affected rock was subsequently removed on October 9, 2026. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed by October 9, 2026.

- (8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;
- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel corrected the pump flange issue and lowered the wellhead to adjust its configuration and help address the conditions associated with the PLR. Chiquita also plans to install a knife gate valve to allow the wellhead to be isolated in a controlled manner, as necessary, to further reduce the potential for similar releases.
- (9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;
- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this PLR.
- (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 PLR; 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 PLR.

Best Regards,

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