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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 approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group B and sump RAMSP06-C located in Grid 172.

As notified to South Coast AQMD on November 16, 2026, pursuant to Condition 49 of the Stipulated Order, the November 16 event, associated emergency response measures, and resulting restrictions on access to the affected area may delay Chiquita's ability to meet certain reporting requirements under the Stipulated Order.

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

- The leak was discovered on November 15, 2026, at approximately 10:55 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group B leaked from a discharge hose connected to sump RAMSP06-C in Grid 172. 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;

- Gerardo Magana.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the sump was shut off to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a pinhole in the discharge hose, allowing liquid to leak from the hose. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group B leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the well casing was wiped down. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 minutes.

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

recurrence;

- Chiquita replaced the discharge hose, and will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement additional corrective actions as needed to reduce the likelihood of similar leaks.

(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 this leak.

Best Regards,

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