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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report of a leachate leak, based on Chiquita's current knowledge of the event:

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

0. 0. The leak was discovered on April 16, 2025, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from a leachate line valve in Grid 149. The leachate from the leak did not leave the footprint of the landfill and did not reach any stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

2. 2. Jose Lopez

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita and contractor personnel immediately created a berm around the area, closed the camlock ears on the cap to the line, and closed the valve to ensure the leak stopped. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day, as described below.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak came from a cap on a force-main that was found under the soil. When pumps were turned on in the area, Chiquita believes that the movement of the liquid through the pipe loosened the cap and moved the valve on the well to a slightly open position, allowing leachate to leak from the cap. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- * In addition to Chiquita and contractor personnel creating the berm around the area and stopping the leak, personnel also removed the soiled dirt and added fresh dirt to the affected area.

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

- * Chiquita will ensure all force-main line caps and valves remain on the surface of the landfill so that they can be regularly monitored. Chiquita estimates that it will inspect all force-main line caps and valves by the end of the month to confirm they are not buried under soil or leaking.

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

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. Chiquita operates the equipment that leaked.

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

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. However, Chiquita tank farm and gas & liquids 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.

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. Additionally, note that Chiquita has begun tracking this information as of April 16, the date of issuance of the modified SOFA.

Regards,

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