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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, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a spill of treated leachate mixed with water from the granular activated carbon (GAC) changeout:

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

0. 0. The spill was discovered on June 19, 2025, at approximately 1:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Treated leachate mixed with water from the GAC changeout spilled from a hose connected to a manifold in grid 239, located within Tank Farm 7. The spill did not leave the landfill footprint and did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. 1. Bryan Martinez

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel closed the poly valve on the manifold to the tank to stop the flow of liquid and the driver of the third-party haul truck used a drip pan to collect most of the liquids that were being released from the hose.

(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 poly valve on the manifold was left in the open position. As a result, when the third-party haul-truck driver removed the cap to connect the hose to his truck and begin the transfer process, liquid flowed from the hose onto the ground for approximately two to three minutes. This was driver error.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of treated leachate mixed with water from the GAC changeout spilled from the hose.

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

0. 0. Chiquita tank farm personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill. The absorbent was then removed and placed in the roll-off container for non-hazardous cleanup materials, and fresh soil was added. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

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

0. 0. Chiquita tank farm staff will check the poly valve located in Tank Farm 7 before any transfers are made.

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

1. 1. A third-party truck hauler was 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

2. 2. Chiquita does not provide training to third-party truck drivers; however, Chiquita tank farm 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.

3. 3. No individuals involved in the root cause of this leak had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Regards,

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