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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 leak of hazardous leachate from a well:

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

0. 0. The leak was discovered on July 22, 2025, at approximately 5:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Leachate leaked from well CV-2351 in grid 181. The leak 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. Claudio Velez

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel immediately tightened the well head and opened the vacuum to release pressure and stop the flow of leachate.

(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 a bolt on the well head was loose, which allowed liquid to leak from the well casing. The error is attributable to equipment malfunction.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 gallons of hazardous leachate leaked from the well.

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

0. 0. The leak was limited to the top of the geosynthetic cover. Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the leak. The soiled absorbent was then removed. Cleanup commenced immediately and cleanup of the absorbent was completed within approximately 15 to 20 minutes. The top of the geosynthetic cover was then pressure washed the following day, and the liquid was removed.

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

0. 0. Chiquita tank farm staff will continue to conduct regular maintenance of the wells and the well field.

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

1. 1. 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

2. 2. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; 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. There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak.

Regards,

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