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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 non-hazardous leachate (collected from Tank 85) from a pressure release valve on a third-party truck:

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

0. 0. The spill was discovered on July 30, 2025, at approximately 8:50 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from a pressure release valve on a third-party truck in grid 246 in Tank Farm 7. Liquid from 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. Rob Aguilar.

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita tank farm personnel immediately shut off the pump that was pumping the treated non-hazardous leachate into the trailer and closed the valve to the trailer.

(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 third-party driver failed to disengage their trailer breaks. As a result, liquid built up in the trailer released from the pressure release valve. The error is attributable to third-party operator error.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 25 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate from Tank 85 spilled from the pressure release valve.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill. The soiled absorbent and soil were then removed and placed in a roll-off container for non-hazardous cleanup materials. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel instructed the third-party company to remind its drivers on the proper use of trailer brakes while loading liquid

(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 or avoid spills and leaks.

(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 involved in the root cause of this spill had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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