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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 Group A) from a forcemain pipe:

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

0. 0. The spill was discovered on August 1, 2025, at approximately 5:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Hazardous leachate leaked from a forcemain pipe in grid 201. No specific well or tank was involved. Liquid from 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. Adrian Avendano.

(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 used clamps to stop the liquid from leaking.

(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 fuse on the forcemain pipe broke, allowing leachate to leak from the pipe. The error is attributable to equipment malfunction.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 7 gallons of hazardous leachate from Group A leaked from the forcemain pipe.

(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 leak. The soiled absorbent

was then removed and placed in a container for hazardous waste. Chiquita personnel then power washed the area and collected and placed the wash water into a tank for hazardous waste. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1-2 hours.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel re-welded the forcemain pipe to correct the issue. Chiquita personnel will continue to conduct weekly inspections of the forcemain piping.

(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 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 were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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