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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 associated with Group A from sump #5 in grid 207:

- (1) the date and time of the leak or spill;
 0. The leak was discovered on August 26, 2025, at approximately 2:45 p.m.
- (2) area designation inspected;
 0. Leachate associated with Group A leaked from sump #5 in grid 207. Liquid from the leak crossed the perimeter road and approximately 2 gallons of liquid reached the stormwater channel. Liquid from the leak, however, did not reach the stormwater basin.
- (3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;
 1. Angel Rodriguez
- (4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita staff placed soil on top of the liquid to stop and contain the flow. A soil check dam was also placed in the stormwater channel to stop liquid from reaching the stormwater basin.
- (5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;
 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that while a pump in sump #5 was turned off to perform maintenance on the forcemain, liquid pooled and overflowed at the sump before Chiquita could complete the ongoing maintenance.
- (6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 52 gallons of hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from sump #5, and approximately 2 gallons of which reached the stormwater channel.
- (7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;
 0. A vacuum truck removed all standing liquid from the ground and was used to lower the liquid level in sump #5. All

liquids were sent for treatment with the granulated activated carbon unit, and all soil from the impacted area was placed in a roll off bin and will be sampled for proper disposal.

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

0. While performing maintenance on the forcemain in the future, if the pump is turned off during maintenance, a vacuum truck will be used to collect liquids to ensure the liquids do not pool.

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

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

Regards,

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