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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 Group B that leaked from a third-party haul truck near the exit of the landfill:

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

0. The leak was discovered on September 2, 2025, at approximately 11:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous leachate leaked on the road leading to the exit of the landfill and onto the outbound scale. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. William Thayer

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita staff promptly applied absorbent to the impacted area.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak occurred after the third-party truck driver finished filling their truck. Although the third-party truck driver fully secured the top hatch of their trailer, the seal was worn through on the back end of the top hatch, thereby allowing liquid to leak from the hatch when the truck descended toward the outbound scale exit. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction associated with a third party.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons of hazardous leachate from Group B, collected from Tank 31 located in Tank Farm 7 (manifest # 020750852FLE), leaked from the third-party haul truck.

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

0. Absorbent was added to the affected area to contain the liquid. Chiquita personnel then removed the soiled

absorbent and placed it into a container used for hazardous waste. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately one hour.

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

0. Chiquita personnel will continue to verify that the top hatch of third-party haul trucks are closed before trucks are allowed to leave the farm.

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

1. A third-party hauler was 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. 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.

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

Regards,

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