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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group B from a third-party haul truck in Tank Farm 7:

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

0. The spill was discovered on September 8, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous leachate spilled from an exhaust valve on a third-party haul truck in Tank Farm 7 within Grid 239. 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. Joe Rodriguez

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

0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately turned off the related pump, and the exhaust valve on the third-party truck was closed to stop the flow of liquids.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill occurred while the haul truck was being filled with the leachate. It appears there was a mechanical failure on the mag meter being used to calculate the amount of gallons being filled into the truck. This mechanical failure caused the truck to overfill, which resulted in liquid flowing from the exhaust valve on the trailer and onto the ground in Tank Farm 7. Chiquita attributes this spill to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 6 gallons of hazardous leachate associated with Group B (manifest # 020750947 FLE from tank number 34) spilled from the third-party haul truck.

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

1. Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the impacted area. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for hazardous waste. Fresh soil and rock were added to the impacted area. 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 more routinely have the mag meters calibrated by the vendor.

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

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

Regards,

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