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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate from a sump near leachate collection manifold tank 1:

- (1) the date and time of the leak or spill;
  0. The leak was discovered on September 10, 2025, at approximately 1:00 a.m.
- (2) area designation inspected;
  0. Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from a sump near leachate collection manifold 1 located near the front office at the entrance of the landfill. The leak occurred outside of the landfill's footprint and a small amount of liquid reached the dry "stage 1" stormwater basin. No liquid reached the stormwater channel.
- (3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;
  1. Robert Aguilar
- (4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
  0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel closed the header valve on the sump which stopped the liquid from flowing.
- (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 leachate collection manifold sump filled with solids which restricted the flow of liquids to the pump. As a result, the sump filled with liquids and subsequently, those liquids flowed out of the compression fittings on the top of the sump. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.
- (6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
  1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 25 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the sump near the leachate collection manifold.
- (7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

1. Chiquita staff promptly applied absorbent to the impacted area in order to contain the liquid on the paved road. Chiquita's third-party contractor collected the soil and any standing liquid from the stormwater basin. All of the material collected during cleanup was placed in a roll off bin and will be sampled for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 8.5 hours.

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

0. Chiquita will continue to conduct routine maintenance on the sumps within the landfill. Chiquita has also installed a temporary secondary containment system around this sump, and is actively developing a more permanent solution.

(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 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 leak.

Regards,

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