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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 treated leachate associated with Tank L13-65 from a third-party haul truck in Tank Farm 13:

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

- The spill was discovered on September 19, 2025, at approximately 8:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated leachate spilled from an exhaust valve on a third-party haul truck in Tank Farm 13, located within grid 251. 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;

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

- 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;

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the spill occurred during the filling of the third-party truck. The driver failed to remove the cap on the end of the hose of the pressure release valve. The tanker therefore collected pressure during the filling process and released leachate out of the valve and down the hose to the closed cap. Due to the pressure, the cap detached and the leachate spilled into the drip pan and the steel containment pad underneath the trailer. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of treated leachate from tank L13-65 manifest # CCL008811-A spilled from the third-party haul truck into the drip pan and the secondary containment.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly used a vacuum truck to remove all standing liquid within the drip pan and from the metal secondary containment area. All liquid removed was then sent for treatment in the granular activated carbon unit. Absorbent was used on any remaining areas and was removed and placed in a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita personnel will verify that any caps on the hose of pressure release valves on the third-party haul trucks are removed before the filling of the trucks and will continue to direct the use of drip pans during filling.

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

- A third-party hauler was 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party truck drivers; 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 involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Regards,

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