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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 potentially hazardous leachate associated with Group A that occurred as a result of the Lorentz pumps located in grid 207 losing power:

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

- The leak was discovered on October 26, 2025, at approximately 7:00 a.m., upon further investigation.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Potentially hazardous leachate leaked from a sump near the Lorentz pumps, located within grid 207. Liquid from the leak reached the stormwater channel and a portion of the liquid reached the north sedimentation basin. The basin was not discharging at the time of the event, and there is no imminent rain event which would create the need to discharge.

(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 leak, Chiquita personnel placed soil berms near the leak and also in the stormwater channels to contain the liquid and prevent its movement through the stormwater channel.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a mechanical issue caused the generators that power the Lorentz pumps to turn off. Because the Lorentz pumps lost power, the sumps filled and caused the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that up to approximately 1,000 gallons of potentially hazardous leachate associated with Group A may have leaked into the stormwater channel, and approximately 50 gallons of leachate may have reached the north sedimentation basin.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita immediately deployed a vacuum truck to the west side sumps to draw the liquids. The vacuum truck also removed standing liquids from the stormwater channel. On Sunday through Monday the stormwater channel was pressure washed while applying vacuum to collect all wash water. Our team stopped the source of leak on Sunday by approximately 3:30 p.m. Chiquita took seven samples at different locations across the north sedimentation basin as well as a sample of the raw leachate from the stormwater channel. The water within the north sedimentation basin is being removed by vacuum truck and is being treated by the granular activated carbon treatment system. There was no standing liquid as of Monday. Cleanup is ongoing and Chiquita anticipates that cleanup will be completed by today, October 28, 2025.

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

- Chiquita personnel will begin conducting routine inspections of the generators providing power to the Lorentz pumps.

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

- 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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel has 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.

Thank you,

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