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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 associated with Group B, from the B vacuum header riser located in grid 244:

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

0. The leak was discovered on November 13, 2025, at approximately 3:55 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous leachate associated with Group B leaked from the B vacuum header riser located in grid 244. Liquid from the leak 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. Jose Lopez

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel requested a vacuum truck to pull the liquid from the header riser to stop the active flow of liquid.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a contractor did not install a gasket between the 18-inch flange and the blind flange, which caused liquid to leak from the header riser. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 7 gallons of hazardous leachate associated with Group B leaked from the header riser.

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

1. After stopping the flow of liquid, all standing liquid was removed by a vacuum truck and treated using the landfill's

granular activated carbon treatment system. Soil from the impacted area was placed in a roll off bin for proper disposal. 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;

2. Chiquita personnel will discuss this event with the third-party contractors and use best efforts to verify that the contractors are following standard industry practices.

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

0. A third-party contractor 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

1. Chiquita does not provide training to third-party contractors; 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.

- To Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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