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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a pipe located in grid 209.

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

- The leak was discovered on December 2, 2025, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a pipe located in grid 209. Liquid from the leak remained on the tank liner; it did not leave the tank liner or reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- Robert Vargas

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

- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel placed a fresh soil berm to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have occurred due to a hole discovered in a pipe buried under the soil. Chiquita attributes this incident to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 49 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the pipe.

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

- Chiquita immediately deployed a vacuum truck to remove all standing liquid. Chiquita then power washed the liner and removed and placed all affected soil in a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 6 hours.

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

- Upon the future installation of any pipe expected to be under operating pressure, Chiquita will require the performance of a pressure test.

(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, all Chiquita employees are 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.

Thanks,
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