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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 less than 1 cup of treated leachate associated to tank number L13-28 in grid 252.

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

0. 0. The spill was discovered on February 17, 2026, at approximately 2:05 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- * Treated leachate associated with tank number L13-28 spilled in grid 252. No liquid from the spill entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

0. 0. Anna Marie Corralejo

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, a clean-up crew was immediately dispatched to vacuum up the residual liquid that spilled into the containment area and loadout pad.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill was caused when a contractor uncapped a 4-inch cap while residual liquid was still inside the truck fitting. The residual liquid spilled into the secondary containment drip pan and loadout pad. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 cup of treated leachate spilled in grid 252.

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

- * In addition to the measures discussed above, the treated leachate was vacuumed out of the impacted areas and placed into a vacuum truck for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- * Chiquita discussed the need for situational awareness with its contractor, and will continue to discuss proper procedures to avoid spills.

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

0. 0. A contractor 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 contractors; however, Chiquita discussed proper procedures with the contractor involved, and 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.

- * Chiquita has been unable to determine whether this contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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