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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 a small volume (approximately 1–5 gallons) of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the #4 LC Manifold while a pipe connecting that point of generation to the #7 Tank Farm was being jetted.

1. the date and time of the leak or spill;
 - The spill occurred on January 7, 2026, at approximately 11:25 AM. Chiquita recognizes this report is being submitted after the applicable reporting timeframe and is continuing to review its internal reporting procedures to help prevent recurrence.
2. area designation inspected;
 - Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with #4 LC Manifold spilled on the road near Tank Farm 7 while a pipe was being jetted. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.
3. name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;
 - A third-party contractor observed the leak and reported it to Bill Thayer.
4. written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
 - Within minutes of discovery, a team applied absorbent to the roadway and constructed a soil berm below the spill to prevent the leachate from spreading. A water truck then sprayed water onto the road above the location of the spill toward the berm while a vacuum truck removed the liquid from the leak and wash water.
5. a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;
 - Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred while a third-party contractor team was jetting a line connecting the #4 LC Manifold tanks to tanks in Tank Farm 7, when dark liquid began to leak out of the line. It is suspected that there was a clog in the line that led to a small volume of leachate remaining in the pipe even after the pipe was flushed, when no leachate would ordinarily be present. The leachate from the #4 LC Manifold point of generation is characteristically non-hazardous. Chiquita attributes this spill to equipment malfunction.
6. the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1–5 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled from the line, resulting in a trickle across part of the road.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent from the location of the spill was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately upon discovery and was completed within approximately 1.5 hours.

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

- Chiquita will continue to flush lines to remove leachate present prior to jetting to limit the potential for recurrence. Chiquita will also reinforce for all contractors that conduct pipe jetting work that such spills are possible and must be watched for, reported, and contained immediately, and that those contractors should ensure adequate secondary containment prior to beginning such work.

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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this spill, which was a clogged pipe.

(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 spill; 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 were involved in the root cause of this spill.

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