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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 less than 2 tablespoons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate into the secondary containment.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 23, 2026, at approximately 2:02 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the leachate manifold tanks (LCM tanks) leaked from the sight glass tube located on the main manifold tank into the secondary containment. The LCM tanks are located near the front office of the landfill. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

0. Nancy Bahena-Hernandez

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, the tank was promptly assessed for repairs.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak was caused by a broken component on the sight glass tube. The leak was limited to the secondary containment. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 2 tablespoons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the sight glass tube into the secondary containment.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita used absorbent wipes to clean the liquid which were then

properly disposed.

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

- Chiquita will replace the compromised component and the assembly on the sight glass tube will be secured. Chiquita will continue to monitor this tank area in the interim and to perform routine inspections of this tank and other tanks onsite and make corrective actions as needed.

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

0. 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 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 leak.

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