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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 approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well CV-2001 onto the liner in grid 208.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 2, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from well CV-2001 onto the liner in grid 208. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Carlos Melgar

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the liner was promptly pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and any standing liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred when the third-party contractor removed the sample port for routine operations. Excessive pressure built up in well CV-2001 after the gas valve was previously closed. Pressure accumulated as the pneumatic pump exhaust discharged into the well casing. When the sample port was removed, the built-up pressure caused leachate to spill onto the liner. The contractor did not adjust the valve to ensure low pressure prior to removing the sample port. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the collected liquid was placed into raw tanks for treatment through the granular activated carbon treatment system. Cleanup commenced immediately 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 does not provide training to contractors; however, Chiquita personnel reminded the third-party contractor to proactively implement best management practices before beginning work, including adjusting valves to ensure low pressure prior to removing sample ports.

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

1. A third-party 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

1. Chiquita does not provide training to its contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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 the best of Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leak or spill.

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