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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 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A near West Side Sump 2 onto geomembrane cover in Grid 207.

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

0. The leak was discovered on March 3, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a fitting near West Side Sump 2 onto geomembrane cover in Grid 207. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the liquid from the leak was absorbed using an absorbent rag.

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

- Chiquita has been unable to definitively determine the root cause of this leak; however, it may have resulted from deteriorated tape on the threaded transition fitting. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled onto the geomembrane cover.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the thread sealant on the fitting was removed and replaced with Loctite 577 thread sealant. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to inspect fittings, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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, 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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