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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 approximately 0.25 to 1 gallon of partially treated liquid associated with the ECT2 treatment area in Grid 253.

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

0. The leak was discovered on March 7, 2026, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Partially treated liquid associated with the ECT2 treatment area leaked in Grid 253. 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;

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, absorbent was immediately applied to the affected area.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have occurred due to a compromised flange connection on a treatment vessel. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that 0.25 to 1 gallon of partially treated liquid associated with the ECT2 treatment area leaked in Grid 253.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed from the affected area and placed into a container for proper disposal. 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 discussed with the third-party the need to continue to conduct regular inspections of flange connection points on treatment vessels to identify potential sources of leaks and implement corrective action 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 routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, 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.

0. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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