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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 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a vacuum line related to well number CV-2555 onto the liner in grid 158.

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

1. The leak was discovered on April 13, 2026, at approximately 9:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a vacuum line associated with well number CV-2555 onto the liner in grid 158. Liquid from the leak did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Anthony Braz.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the blind flange on the vacuum line was immediately tightened to stop the flow of liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, while performing routine maintenance, the vacuum line to well number CV-2555 was pinched to perform a vacuum adjustment on an adjacent well. It appears that the blind flange on the vacuum line to well number CV-2555 had not been properly tightened during installation, which created positive pressure in the pinched line and caused leachate to leak from the blind flange. Chiquita attributes this leak to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.25 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to use best efforts to inspect equipment and ensure flanges are properly tightened prior to beginning maintenance.

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

- Chiquita has been unable to determine the affiliation of the individual 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

- Chiquita has been unable to determine the individual involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent leaks and spills, and Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors.

(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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine the individual involved in the root cause of this leak.

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