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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

All,

Consistent with reports provided under 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 less than 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers LCM-11 and LCM-15 and manifest number CCL00001-IR from a bleeder valve on a third-party tanker truck's cam fitting in Grid 246.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the spill is estimated at less than 1 gallon. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given ongoing reporting requests from other regulators.

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

- The spill was discovered on July 14, 2026, at approximately 3:45 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers LCM-11 and LCM-15 and manifest number CCL00001-IR spilled from a bleeder on a third-party tanker truck's cam fitting in Grid 246. 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;

- Omar Luna.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the bleeder on the cam fitting was immediately closed to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party tanker-truck driver opened the valve before being instructed to do so, causing treated non-hazardous leachate to spill from the bleeder on the cam fitting. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1.5 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from the third-party tanker truck.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent material was promptly applied to the affected area as part of cleanup. The soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately two minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the third-party contractor and requested that the contractor address the incident with the driver. The driver was also reminded not to open valves unless instructed.

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

- A third-party tanker-truck driver 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with drivers, 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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