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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 treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a barrel by a third-party tanker-truck driver at the Lower Tank Farm 13 in Grids 250-251.

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

- The spill was discovered on July 16, 2026, at approximately 2:25 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from a barrel used to drain a pump at the Lower Tank Farm 13 in Grids 250-251. 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;

- Fabio Rosales.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, absorbent material was immediately placed in the affected area to contain the 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 attempted to remove the barrel used to drain the pump without assistance from a second person, causing treated non-hazardous leachate to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected liner was pressure washed while a vacuum truck

collected the wash water. The collected liquid and soiled absorbent were removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately one hour.

(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 the need for personnel to obtain assistance from a technician before attempting to remove the barrels.

(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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