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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of less than 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D22 and D23, manifest number RAD-209703, and Group C from a scupper drain line hose on a third-party tanker truck.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak 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 leak was discovered on July 15, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D22 and D23, manifest number RAD-209703, and Group C leaked from a scupper drain line hose on a third-party tanker truck at the scale house. 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;

- Bill Thayer.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, personnel confirmed that the valve was already closed. No additional action was required to stop the flow because only residual liquid remained in the hose.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a malfunction of the scupper drain-line hose or its sealing mechanism on the third-party tanker truck, which allowed residual leachate to drip from the hose after loading. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the third-party scupper drain line hose.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected area was promptly wiped with an absorbent rag to remove the residual liquid, and the soiled rag was 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 contacted the third-party hauler and requested that it review its equipment-maintenance practices to confirm that the equipment is functioning properly.

(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 reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with third-party drivers, 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.

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

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