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

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 characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank number C13-16 onto the liner in Upper Tank Farm 13, Grid 236.

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

0. The spill was discovered on July 17, 2026, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank number C13-16 spilled from a line associated with the tank onto the liner in Upper Tank Farm 13, Grid 236. No liquid from the spill entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

0. Donovan Boddie.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, spill trays and absorbent were promptly placed in the affected area.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the third-party contractor had not fully drained the line, allowing residual liquid that remained in the line to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 15 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected area of the liner was vacuumed and pressure

washed to ensure the proper collection of all wash water, and material was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 4 hours.

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

- Chiquita discussed the incident with the third-party contractor and reinforced proper line-drainage procedures, including verifying that lines are fully emptied before removing vacuum trucks.

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

- A third-party contractor 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 contractors; 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.

- This individual has been previously involved in the root cause of one leachate leak or spill.

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