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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 number LCM 1-5, manifest number CCL00029-IR, in Tank Farm 7, 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;

0. The spill was discovered on July 17, 2026, at approximately 4:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated, non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number LCM 1-5, manifest number CCL00029-IR, spilled from a bleeder fitting outlet in Tank Farm 7 in Grid 246. 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. William Thayer.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the valve was immediately closed to stop the flow of liquid. In addition, a bucket was placed under the bleeder fitting outlet to contain any residual liquid.

(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 Tank Farm technician did not realize that the bleeder valve was open before starting operations at the loading station, causing liquid to spill from the fitting outlet. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately less than 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate

spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was applied and then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 20 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will retrain the personnel involved in this spill to reinforce applicable operational procedures and prevent future recurrence.

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

- Chiquita personnel 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training 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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