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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 from a third-party truck of approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate foam associated with Group A in Grid 206.

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 17, 2026, at approximately 8:10 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate foam associated with Group A leaked from a third-party vacuum truck in Grid 206 during work related to the West Toe Butress Project. The leaked material did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Ricardo Rangel.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the third-party vacuum truck was immediately turned off to stop the flow of leachate foam.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that excessive foaming occurred while a third-party vacuum truck was extracting leachate in connection with the West Toe Butress Project. Chiquita attributes this leak to a malfunction of the vacuum truck or its associated equipment.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate foam

leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the leachate foam was vacuumed from the affected area. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

- A defoaming agent will be added during leachate-extraction activities associated with the West Toe Buttress Project to reduce foaming.

(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 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.

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

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