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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers U13-32 to U13-38 from a third-party tanker-truck trailer driving on the main paved landfill road prior to exiting the landfill.

1. the date and time of the leak or spill;
 - The leak was discovered on July 20, 2026, at approximately 11:45 a.m.
2. area designation inspected;
 - Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers U13-32 to U13-38 leaked from a third-party tanker-truck trailer on the main paved road prior to exiting the landfill . Liquid from the leak did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.
3. the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;
 - Robert Aguilar.
4. written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
 - Upon discovering the leak, absorbent material was immediately applied to contain the leachate.
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 an exit point on the third-party tanker-truck trailer, which allowed characteristically hazardous leachate to leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to a malfunction of the third-party tanker-truck trailer or its associated equipment.
6. the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
 - Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from the third-party tanker-truck trailer.
7. corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- In addition to the measures discussed above, additional absorbent material was applied to the affected area as part of cleanup, and the absorbent material was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately five 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.
- 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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