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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 from a third-party tanker truck of approximately 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D7 and D8, manifest number RAD-209755, and Group C.

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

0. The leak was discovered on July 21, 2026, at approximately 1:38 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D7 and D8, manifest number RAD-209755, and Group C leaked from a drain line hose on a third-party tanker truck at the scale house. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

0. Bryan Martinez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, absorbent was promptly applied to 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 plugs and caps recommended to the third-party contractor by Chiquita were not installed on the drain line hose of the third-party tanker truck.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate leaked from the drain line hose.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent and spill trays were removed for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the third-party contractor. Chiquita informed the contractor that the plugs and caps that were previously recommended for installation must be installed on the third-party tanker trucks. The third-party contractor will update its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

(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 the leak.

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