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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 of less than 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C and manifest number CCL 007933-M at the scale house from a pressure relief valve on a third-party tanker truck.

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 23, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C and manifest number CCL 007933-M leaked from the pressure relief valve on a third-party tanker truck at the scale house. Liquid from the leak reached the perimeter road but did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- James Eubanks.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the third-party tanker truck was positioned on level ground, which stopped the flow of liquid. The third-party hauler replaced the pressure relief valve on the tanker truck.

(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 faulty pressure relief valve on a third-party tanker truck, which allowed characteristically non-hazardous leachate to leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.25 cups of characteristically non-hazardous

leachate leaked from the third-party tanker truck.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent material was promptly applied to the affected area. The soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. 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;

- The failed pressure relief valve was replaced, and Chiquita requested the third-party hauler inspect its tanker truck to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

(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 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.

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

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