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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
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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 treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B and manifest number CCL 001711-CC from a third-party tanker trailer in Grids 6, 8, and 123.

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

- The leak was discovered on July 22, 2026, at approximately 7:50 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B and manifest number CCL 001711-CC leaked from a pinhole in a third-party tanker trailer in Grids 6, 8, and 123. Liquid from the leak reached the perimeter road but did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Carlos Escalona.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, vacuum was immediately applied to the third-party tanker trailer, and a temporary patch was placed over the pinhole to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a pinhole in the third-party tanker trailer leaked treated non-hazardous leachate while the trailer was in transit. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate leaked from the third-party tanker trailer.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was used to remove affected soil, and absorbent material was applied to the affected area. The soiled absorbent and affected material were then removed and placed into appropriate containers for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately two hours.

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

- The third-party contractor will speak with its operators on conducting more diligent inspections of tanker trailers 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.