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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 approximately 1 cup of characteristically non-hazardous condensate associated with tank number L-76 and L-77 in Grid 237.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak is estimated at less than 1 gallon. This incident also occurred prior to receiving DTSC's request for reports of releases to continue regardless of volume. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given that ongoing reporting request.

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

- The leak was discovered on June 9, 2026, at approximately 3:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous condensate associated with tank number L-76 and L-77 leaked from a pipe in Grid 237. 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;

- Alex Rodriguez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a drip pan was promptly placed under the pipe to contain any additional liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak occurred as a result of several factors, including weather-related expansion and contraction of the pipe and the third-party contractor's insufficient use of adhesive in connection with the pipe work. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically non-hazardous condensate

leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected pipe was dewatered to remove any remaining liquid and facilitate repair. Cleanup was completed within approximately 8 hours.

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

- The affected pipe was repaired to prevent future leaks. In addition, the third-party contractor trained its team on the proper use of adhesive in connection with the pipe work. Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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 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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