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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 4 to 6 cups of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from a ball valve at the end of the force main line in the northern portion of Grid 30.

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 24, 2026, at approximately 2:14 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from the threaded portion of a ball valve at the end of the force main line in the northern portion of Grid 30. 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;

- Cage Johnson.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, personnel promptly attempted to stop the flow of liquid by fully closing the ball valve. A berm was constructed around the drop zone to contain the 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 resulted from a failure of the internal seal within the ball valve assembly. The failed seal allowed characteristically non-hazardous leachate to pass through the assembly and escape from the threaded portion of the valve. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 to 6 cups of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the ball valve assembly.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent material was 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 20 minutes.

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

- Chiquita replaced the ball valve to reduce the likelihood of recurrence. In addition, 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 this leak.

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