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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 of approximately 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter and East Perimeter, related to tank numbers L13-24 to L13-26, manifest number CCL00209-IR, from a tanker truck valve in Grid 251.

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

- The leak was discovered on July 30, 2026, at approximately 5:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter and East Perimeter, related to tank numbers L13-24 to L13-26, manifest number CCL00209-IR, leaked from a tanker truck valve in Grid 251. 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;

- Blue Velez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the tanker truck valve was immediately closed to stop the flow of liquid and absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area.

(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 was caused by a broken valve located on a third-party tanker truck. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate leaked in Grid 251.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed with the third-party contractor that the related tanker truck should not return to the site until the broken valve is replaced.

(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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