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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
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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 approximately 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D15/16, Group C, and manifest number RAD-209846 from a third-party tanker truck at the scale house.

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

- The leak was discovered on July 30, 2026, at approximately 4:10 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D15/16, Group C, and manifest number RAD-209846 leaked from a third-party tanker truck at the scale house. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Miguel Abrego.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, absorbent material was immediately placed in the affected area to contain the liquid.

(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 compromised gasket associated with the baffle drain valve on the 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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the baffle drain valve on the third-party tanker truck.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita is developing a tracking system as part of its standard operating procedures (SOPs) to document leaks and spills associated with third-party tanker trucks and identify strategies to minimize leaks and spills associated with third-party trucks. The SOP is anticipated to be completed by August 3, 2026.

(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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with drivers, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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