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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate foam and liquid associated with Group C from tank number D1 in Tank Farm 10, Grid 94.

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

0. The leak was discovered on August 1, 2026, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate foam and liquid associated with Group C leaked from tank number D1 onto the liner in Tank Farm 10, Grid 94. 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;

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

- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel promptly collected the foam and liquid and transferred it into a tank for containment.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the leak resulted from a mechanical failure of the defoaming system. An injection line became disconnected, preventing the defoaming system from actively injecting defoamer into the force main, allowing foam to accumulate within the tank. Although personnel identified and repaired the disconnected injection line during an inspection earlier in the week, residual foam remained undetected in the tank. A subsequent surge of liquid displaced the residual foam, causing it to leak from the tank. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous

leachate foam leaked onto the tank farm liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected area was pressure washed to clean residual leachate foam remaining in the lined area while a vacuum truck collected the wash water. The collected liquid was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 hours.

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

- Chiquita will continue to monitor foam accumulation in the clarifying tanks and continue to inspect tanks and implement corrective actions as needed. Chiquita will also implement additional operational measures, including bringing two additional tanks online to provide additional capacity and minimize the potential for foam-related leaks.

(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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