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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of characteristically non-hazardous leachate, associated with Group C, as a result of a third-party contractor striking a buried force main pipe near well CV-24201 located in Grid 195.

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

- The spill was discovered on August 4, 2026, at approximately 9:10 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C spilled from a buried force main pipe near well CV-24201 in Grid 195. No liquid from the spill entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Curt Christensen

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

- Upon discovering the spill, a soil berm was constructed to contain the liquid from the spill and pinchers were placed on the broken force main pipe to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party contractor operating a bulldozer struck a buried and unmarked force main pipe, causing leachate to spill from the pipe. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C spilled from the buried force main pipe.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted soil 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 discussed the incident with the third-party contractor, including the importance of maintaining situational awareness, and reinforcing the need to identify, locate, and clearly mark buried pipes and other relevant site infrastructure before beginning excavation work in an area. Although the contractor is responsible for locating and marking buried pipes, Chiquita has marked the location of the buried pipe to aid in the prevention of similar spills.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- A third-party contractor was involved in the root cause of this spill.

(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 contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention and reporting practices with contractors, 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 been previously involved in the root cause of one leachate leak or spill.

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