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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 at the scale house of approximately 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D3 and D4 and Group C from a tank exhaust valve on a third-party tanker truck.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 4, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers D3 and D4 and Group C leaked at the scale house from a tank exhaust valve on a third-party tanker truck. 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;

- Paul Gomez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a vacuum was immediately used to remove liquid from the third-party tanker truck, and absorbent was placed over 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 a malfunction of the tank exhaust valve on the third-party tanker truck allowed characteristically non-hazardous leachate to leak from the tanker. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party 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 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 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the third-party hauler. In response, the hauler is repairing the affected equipment to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

(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 third-party drivers, 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 this leak

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