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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 associated with Group LCM, from the top manway of Tank LCM-1, at the LCM manifold.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 7, 2026, at approximately 10:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group LCM leaked from the top manway of Tank LCM-1 at the LCM manifold. 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;

- Matt Tuggle.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a vacuum truck began removing liquid from the tank.

(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 solids accumulation from the reserve LCM tanks, which clogged the influent line. As a result, liquids leaked from the top manway of Tank LCM-1 at the LCM manifold onto the secondary containment. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 80 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the top manway of Tank LCM-1 at the LCM manifold.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a clean-up crew used a vacuum truck to remove liquid from the secondary containment and a pressure washer to clean the LCM manifold. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita will further assess the incident and determine whether a regular cleaning cycle of Tank LCM-1 should be implemented to prevent future 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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