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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main located in grid 212.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 7, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a force main located in grid 212. 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;

- Cruz de la Cruz.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the line was promptly pinched 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, the leak appears to have occurred due to a failed flange gasket. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 100 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from the force main.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, cleanup of the affected soil and liner was immediately initiated and remains ongoing. Cleanup is anticipated to be completed by August 10, 2026.

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

- Chiquita is actively evaluating its preventive maintenance program and working with contractors and personnel to improve implementation of best management practices to reduce the likelihood of future leaks and spills.

(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 its contractors, 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 the leak.

Thank you,
Sarah