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Subject: : Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of characteristically non-hazardous leachate from a bleeder hose associated with Tank D24 and D25 located in grid 94.

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

- The spill was discovered on August 8, 2026, at approximately 8:25 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Tank D24 and D25 located in grid 94. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Paul Ramos.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel promptly turned off the pump and closed the bleeder valve to stop the flow of liquid through the bleeder hose.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred when Chiquita personnel unintentionally left the bleeder valve open while it was connected to the pump. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled from the bleeder hose.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was immediately placed over the affected area

and then placed into a container for proper disposal.

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

- Cleanup commenced immediately. Chiquita is evaluating its preventive maintenance program and working with 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;

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training 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.

- This individual has been previously involved in the root cause of 3 leachate spills.

rhanks,

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