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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A, from well number CV-2314, in Grid 154.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 10, 2026, at approximately 3:25 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well number CV-2314 onto the liner in Grid 154. 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;

- Tom Roe.

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

- A new stainless steel cap was installed on the wellhead to prevent future leaks.

(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 resulted from a failure of the threads on the wellhead cap, which caused the cap to come off and leachate to leak from the wellhead. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from well number CV-2314 onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the leachate was vacuumed and a pressure washer was used to clean the liner. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita plans to replace the CV-2314 wellhead and pump on August 12, 2026, to prevent future leaks. Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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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