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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 non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number D12, Group C, manifest number CCL 008084-M, from a third-party tanker truck while the truck was in transit in Grid 249.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 14, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number D12, Group C, manifest number CCL 008084-M leaked from a third-party tanker truck while the truck was in transit in Grid 249. 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;

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the third-party tanker truck was promptly stopped to prevent additional liquid from leaking, and absorbent material was applied to the affected area.

(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 resulted from a compromised pressure relief valve on the third-party tanker truck, allowing liquid to leak from the tanker while the truck was in transit. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

(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

1 hour.

(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 and the need for the hauler to inspect the pressure relief valves on its tanker trailers and ensure that the valves are functioning properly to minimize the potential for similar leaks during its future hauling activities.

(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,

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