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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of characteristically hazardous leachate from a capped 6-inch pipe in the Canyon B parts yard in Grid 27.

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

- The spill was discovered on August 13, 2026, at approximately 8:48 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a capped 6-inch pipe in the Canyon B parts yard in Grid 27. 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;

- Ethan Hagen.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the pipe was suspended to stop the flow of liquid and absorbent material was promptly applied to contain the liquid .

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the spill occurred during third-party contractor work on a capped 6-inch pipe. Residual liquid remained inside the pipe and unexpectedly spilled when contractor personnel cut the pipe. As the origin of the liquid is unknown, Chiquita is classifying it as characteristically hazardous leachate out of an abundance of caution. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

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

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was called to the area to assist with cleanup of liquid from the pipe. The soiled absorbent and affected soil were removed as part of cleanup and properly disposed of. Initial cleanup of the spill was commenced and completed immediately, and removal of any remaining liquid from the pipe was completed within approximately two hours. No additional liquid was spilled during cleanup of liquid from within the pipe.

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

- Chiquita has instructed its third-party contractor to confirm that pipes are empty before cutting any pipes .

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- A third-party contractor was 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of one leachate leak or spill.

thank you,

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