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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 associated with Group B from an 18-inch pipe that was handled by a third-party contractor located in Grid 82.

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

- The spill was discovered on August 18, 2026, at approximately 10:01 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group B spilled from an 18-inch pipe located in Grid 82. 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;

- Anthony Braz.

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

Upon discovering the spill, absorbent was promptly 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, it appears that after a third-party contractor drained the initial liquid from the 18-inch pipe into a containment tray, the contractor then placed the pipe into the containment tray. When the contractor repositioned the pipe, residual liquid spilled from the pipe and out of the containment tray. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2-3 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group B spilled.

(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 then removed and properly disposed of. 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 will reinforce with third-party contractors the importance of proceeding deliberately when repositioning 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 its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has previously been involved in the root cause of three leachate leaks or spills.

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