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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

All,

Consistent with reports provided under 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 approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well CV-24028 in Grid 178.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak is estimated at less than 1 gallon. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given ongoing reporting requests from other regulators.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 21, 2026, at approximately 9:41 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well CV-24028 in Grid 178. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Nancy Bahena-Hernandez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a repair clamp was promptly installed on the well casing to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the boot fitting associated with well CV-24028 failed or otherwise lost integrity. This failure created an opening through which leachate present within the well casing leaked. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well CV-24028.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the standing liquid was removed using absorbent wipes, which were then properly disposed of. Cleanup was completed within approximately one hour and five minutes.

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

- Chiquita will review the event with the third-party contractor that performs the work involving the well boot fittings. The review will evaluate the condition of the failed fitting and whether changes to the fitting design, installation method, or maintenance practices could reduce the likelihood of recurrence. 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 this leak.

Thank you,

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