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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 at the scale house of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers L13-17 through L13-23, Groups A, B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL012987-A, from a bleeder hose on a third-party tanker trailer.

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

- The spill was discovered on August 24, 2026, at approximately 4:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers L13-17 through L13-23, Groups A, B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL012987-A spilled from a bleeder hose on a third-party tanker trailer at the scale house.

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

- Sal Carranza.

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

- Upon discovery, the valve connected to the bleeder hose was promptly closed to stop the flow of liquid, and absorbent material was applied to contain the spilled liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the spill occurred because the third-party driver filled the tanker trailer and did not close the valve connected to the bleeder hose after loading, allowing treated non-hazardous leachate to spill from the hose. In addition, Chiquita personnel did not conduct a post-fill walk-around inspection of the trailer truck that might have identified the open valve before the trailer proceeded to the scale house. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 3 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from the bleeder hose of the third-party tanker trailer.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was collected and properly disposed of. Cleanup commenced promptly and was completed within approximately 30 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 hauler responsible for operating the tanker trailer and reinforce the requirement that tanker trailer valves be closed and secured following loading. Chiquita will also review the event and applicable spill- and leak-prevention practices with Chiquita personnel involved, including the importance of conducting a post-fill inspection to verify that trailer valves, hoses, and other relevant equipment are properly secured before a trailer leaves the loading area.

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

- Both Chiquita personnel and the third-party driver were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training on applicable operational procedures intended to help prevent leaks and spills, and Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors.

(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 personnel involved in the root cause of this spill have not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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