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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 four cups of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter group from well CV-24127 in Grid 146.

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 25, 2026, at approximately 2:25 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter group leaked from well CV-24127 in Grid 146.

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

- Jose Ascencio.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel promptly tightened the loose bolts associated with the vacuum-valve connection for well CV-24127 to stop the flow of liquid and secured the pneumatic well pump.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that fluctuating temperatures caused repeated contraction and expansion of components associated with the vacuum-valve connection for well CV-24127. This movement caused the bolts to loosen, which compromised the seal provided by the gasket and allowed characteristically hazardous leachate to leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 cups of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from well CV-24127.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent wipes were used to clean the affected area, and the used wipes were properly disposed of. Cleanup commenced promptly and was completed within approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

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

- Chiquita tightened the loose bolts, restored the vacuum, and secured the pneumatic well pump and associated vacuum-valve connection to reduce the likelihood of recurrence. Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed, and will ensure that bolt-tightness checks are included as a part of daily inspections of pumps and wells.

(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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