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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 non-hazardous leachate associated with manifest number CCL002061-CC from a third-party tanker truck at Tank Farm 7 in Grid 246.

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

- The spill occurred on August 27, 2026, at approximately 2:10 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with manifest number CCL002061-CC spilled from a third-party tanker truck in Tank Farm 7 in Grid 246. Liquid from the spill did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Kevin Wilson.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, personnel immediately turned off the pump to stop the transfer of leachate into the third-party tanker truck and the valve was closed.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill resulted from a combination of third-party driver error and Chiquita operator error. Before filling began, the third-party driver did not know or provide the information necessary to accurately determine the tanker truck's available capacity, and the Chiquita tank farm personnel incorrectly estimated the tanker truck's availability capacity and the amount of time needed to fill the truck. As a result, the tanker truck was overfilled, causing leachate to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to both third-party driver error and Chiquita personnel operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the immediate response measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area to contain and recover the spilled leachate, and leachate was removed from the tanker truck to reduce its contents and prevent any further spill. The soiled absorbent material was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the third-party driver and reiterated that accurate information regarding the tanker truck's available capacity must be known before filling begins. Chiquita also re-trained the tank farm personnel involved in the spill on procedures for confirming available tanker capacity before commencing a transfer and reinforced that personnel should not proceed with filling based on an estimate or assumption regarding available capacity.

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

- Both Chiquita personnel and a third-party tanker-truck 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with drivers, and the Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training on applicable filling and 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 these individuals have not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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