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

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 leak of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from Tank D1 in Grid 94.

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

- The leak was discovered on August 29, 2026, at approximately 6:11 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from Tank D1 in Grid 94. The leaked liquid did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Jose Carranza.

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

- Upon discovery, the top valve on Tank D1 was shut off to stop the incoming flow of liquid from the Group C-Line.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak occurred due to excessive foaming when characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the Group C-Line entered Tank D1 through the top flange and agitated the tank contents. The defoaming system was operational at the time of the event, and no other contributing factors were identified.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 60 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from Tank D1.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent material was applied immediately to the foaming

leachate, which was then collected and properly disposed of, and a vacuum truck was used to remove all remaining standing liquid. Cleanup was completed within approximately five hours.

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

- Chiquita plans to complete installation and activate two additional clarifying tanks by September 7, 2026, to provide backup capacity for Tanks D1 and D2 while those tanks are being cleaned. In addition, Chiquita will inspect the defoaming system and implement any appropriate corrective actions identified through that inspection. These actions are intended to provide additional operating capacity and reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, 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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, no individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with contractors, and Chiquita personnel receive regular training and reinforcement on best management practices for avoiding 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.

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, no individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

Thank you,

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