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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers LCM-11 and LCM-15, Groups A and B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL002110-CC, from a third-party tanker truck located in Grid 246.

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

- The spill occurred on September 1, 2026, at approximately 4:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers LCM-11 and LCM-15, Groups A and B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL002110-CC spilled from a pressure relief valve on top of a third-party tanker truck located 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;

- Robert Aguilar.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the pump was immediately shut off to stop the flow of liquid into the third-party tanker truck and absorbent material was applied to contain the spill.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the third-party driver did not closely monitor the liquid level inside the trailer. As a result, treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from the pressure relief valve on top of the third-party tanker truck. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 15 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the absorbent 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 trucking company regarding the need for its drivers to follow applicable load-out procedures to prevent spills. Chiquita also instructed site personnel to stop the loading process if a high liquid level is observed.

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

- A third-party tanker truck driver was 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 Chiquita personnel have been trained 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 this individual has previously been involved in the root cause of two other leachate leaks or spills.

Thank you,

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