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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of ½ cup of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with well number CV-2523, Group C, from a hose in Grid 64.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the spill 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 spill occurred on September 3, 2026, at approximately 1:40 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with well number CV-2523, Group C, spilled from a hose in Grid 64. Liquid from the spill did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Derek Biasi.

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

- Chiquita personnel contained the residual liquid within the hose, and no additional flow of liquid occurred.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill occurred when the Kanaflex hose was disconnected from the 6-inch vacuum line before the residual liquid had fully drained, causing leachate to spill onto the exterior of the hose and a portion of the well. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately ½ cup of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- No liquid pooled on the ground/liner, and no visible staining, discoloration, or residue was left behind. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 minute.

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

- The Chiquita operator involved in the incident acknowledged the need to allow sufficient time for the Kanaflex hose to drain before disconnecting it from the vacuum line and will follow this practice going forward to prevent recurrence.

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

- Chiquita personnel 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 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 not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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