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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of characteristically non-hazardous leachate from LCM Tank 1, located near the front office of the landfill.

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

- The leak was discovered on September 13, 2026, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from LCM Tank 1, which is located near the front office of the landfill. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Paul Ramos.

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

- Upon discovering the leak from the lid on top of LCM Tank 1, absorbent was promptly placed near the bottom of LCM Tank 1 to contain the liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that LCM Tank 1 and the accompanying reserve influent tanks became clogged, causing liquid to leak from the top dome lid of LCM Tank 1. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 15 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from LCM Tank 1.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was called to remove liquid from LCM Tank

1. The soiled absorbent was removed and placed into an appropriate container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced promptly and was completed within approximately 30 minutes of discovery.

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

- Chiquita will clean the influent tanks during the week of September 14, 2026, to prevent recurrence.

(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 the leak.

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