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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

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 L13-13 through L13-16, manifest numbers CCL000216-CW and CCL000219-CW, from a third-party tanker truck in Grid 251.

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

- The spill occurred on September 15, 2026, at approximately 8:18 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers L13-13 through L13-16, manifest numbers CCL000216-CW and CCL000219-CW, spilled from a third-party tanker truck in Grid 251. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Anna Marie Corralejo.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the pump connected to the tanker truck was immediately shut off and the valve was closed to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a weld on a third-party tanker truck failed, and a replacement third-party tanker truck was promptly called to the location to transfer liquid from the initial tanker to the replacement truck. No liquid from the failed weld on the initial tanker truck reached the ground or containment tray. The third-party driver then transferred liquid to the replacement tanker truck without first calculating the replacement tanker's empty weight, resulting in liquid spilling from the top dome of the replacement 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 50 to 80 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from the top of the replacement third-party tanker truck.

(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. The soiled absorbent material was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 16 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 reinforced the importance of verifying a tanker's empty weight before transferring liquid to minimize the potential for similar spills.

(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 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 other leachate leaks or spills.

Thank you,

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