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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of less than 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, from an electric pump fitting near tank LCM-15 at Tank Farm 7 in Grid 247.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak 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 leak was discovered on September 14, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, leaked from an electric pump fitting near tank LCM-15 at Tank Farm 7 in Grid 247.

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

- Omar Luna.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, personnel promptly stopped using the pump.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the threads on the electric pump fitting were stripped, allowing liquid to leak from the fitting. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 16 ounces of treated non-hazardous leachate leaked from the electric pump fitting.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area, and the soiled absorbent was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced promptly and was completed within approximately one and a half hours.

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

- Chiquita replaced the faulty electric pump fitting and reworked the connection to prevent further leakage.

(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 this leak.

Thank you,

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