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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 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a hose connected to well CV-24040 in Grid 187.

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 18, 2026, at approximately 11:37 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a hose at the fitting of well CV-24040 in Grid 187. 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;

- Kevin Green.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the pump and forcemain were promptly shut off to stop the flow of liquid, and any remaining pressure in the system was relieved.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak resulted from insufficient slack in the hose connecting well CV-24040 to the forcemain. The limited slack placed stress on the connection at the well fitting, which appears to have contributed to the loss of integrity at that connection and the resulting leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the hose at the well fitting.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, wipes and a cleaning solution were used to remove the remaining liquid and the soiled wipes were placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to regularly assess hose conditions and clearances to help prevent similar leaks. Chiquita will also continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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 routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors, and 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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